



School Newsletter

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Dear parents/ carers,

Yesterday I wrote to you about the Government's plans to reopen schools next half-term and what it means for us at St Mary's.

The main points were:

1. if the conditions allow **from June 1, at the earliest: children are to be able to return to the Nursery class** (this was confirmed last night), **to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The children are to be back in school in smaller sizes** (typically each year group will be split into two separate groups).
2. **all primary school children** are to return to school before the summer for a month if feasible, which we presume means **Year 2, 3, 4 and 5** (this would be from, on or around **Monday 22 June** - if feasible – but there is as of yet, no indication of how large the groups of children will be).
3. the government, working with other agencies, is consulting on the best way to make school less infectious and will release guidelines.
4. the DfE published further guidance setting out more information for early years, schools and colleges last night.

Regarding point 4, the DfE published further detailed information last night. Informed by this guidance, we will be working over the next couple of weeks to plan for a safe return for the children in the order identified from June 1st. There are many issues to consider as you can imagine.

As well as providing detailed information for schools, the DfE has produced **information for parents** and carers about the plans to reopen. I have attached that information to this newsletter as a pdf but you can also access via this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Best wishes,

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