

Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents, and Carers,

Coronavirus update

Firstly, can I say a thank you for all the messages of good will, especially those for our staff member who was tested positive. It was a very worrying time for all staff and families who had been in school, but highlighted the precarious nature of the situation we find ourselves in.

Secondly, I am grateful for the patience and cooperation of the parents of those children who will be accessing provision when it reopens. However, I must reiterate what I said on my letter Friday 22nd May, **we will reopen our provision Monday 1st June for those only who have a confirmed place. Those already who have secured a place and been attending will be prioritised.** We will confirm places for new applications Friday 29th May, due to a significant rise in requests and daily numbers we will have to cap how many attend. The latest guidance from the government regarding EYFS has significantly affected our capacity.

Therefore only children who have already had a place in provision, or who have received a confirmation text to attend from week beginning Monday 1st June to be in school.

Provision details

- Provision starts at 7:45am and finishes at 3:30pm.
- Entrance is via the main door. If children are being collected early up to 2:30pm this is also via the main door, after that time the collection point will be the hall doors under Reception canopy. Please adhere to the Social distancing signage
- Children are to wear own clothes which we would hope to be washed daily. Although it is provision we will be following the activities as set on Google classroom and our Behaviour Policy is still in place.
- If a child is unwell or shows any symptoms of Coronavirus we will call you and follow the guidance from the government.
- We will be offering packed lunches from Mellors, children in Nursery & KS2 would now have to pay for these. If your child is bringing a packed lunch please can they bring it in a disposable bag.
- Unless your child has specific requirements, we are not allowing any personal book bags or belongings to be brought into school.

Update from Rochdale

You may have seen in the press that on Friday 22nd May the science group Sage, who advise the government, stated that they had not run the model for the wider opening of schools that the government announced. As a result, Rochdale have advised schools to delay the return for pupils in those year groups identified by the DfE until 15th June, 2020 at the earliest, maintaining provision for children of key worker and those that meet the governments guidance during this time.

Please look after one another and stay safe,

Best wishes,

Mrs Butterworth

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