



Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Dear Parents

I must begin by saying that I start writing this letter with the latest information. By the time I finish the letter, things may have changed again! That is how I feel, but obviously, I will adapt it with any new information before signing off.



I hope you child's class teacher managed to get in touch with you at some point last week. Thank you for all your messages of support. It really helps us to keep going.



Last week, we worked in a different way, with our rainbows theme. I saw some lovely promises the children had made, I'm sure that you all hope that those promises will be kept! We trialled this so that parents with children in different classes could set them on the same tasks, it also lightened the planning load for teachers. We have had a very positive response, though as with most things, different systems work differently for most people.

Next week is half term, so there will not be any online learning. After the last break, some children found it difficult to get back into routine, hopefully, this time it will be a little easier as you and they will be more prepared.



The government has announced that it will give 48 hours' notice before asking schools to reopen, so this could be at the end of half term. I will set out here the arrangements as we see them at the moment.

Thank you for all your quick responses on whether you would send your children back to school. I understand that this is a very difficult to decision to make. I have read extensively and attended several meetings, and it seems the risk is very low for primary aged children. We are also taking actions to further minimise any risk.

We have planned for the children of parents who have said that they would definitely send their children into school but have also made allowances for the ones who are undecided to join should they wish to. Please inform the office via email (office@purley.w-berks.sch.uk) by Thursday at 12.00 noon every week, if there are any changes to attendance for the following week to allow for staff planning. This applies to key worker children, FS, Year 1 and Year 6 children.

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Currently we are setting up a rota:

Butterflies, to be in school on Mondays and Tuesdays
Ladybirds, to be in on Thursdays and Fridays



The Key worker children - the Busy Bees will be in every day.

We will then set up year group bubbles e.g. Year 1 ladybird bubble etc.

Currently there are 5 or less children in each bubble. The bubble will not mix with children from a different bubble. Each bubble will eat lunch in their own classrooms, will have their own toilet and have their own space on the playground. Should more children from FS, Y1 or Y6 wish to return to school the numbers, will not go above 8 in a bubble. In order for siblings to be in school on the same day, we have grouped children according to their houses. Otters and Bears will be **Butterflies** and Foxes and Heron will be **Ladybirds**. Final arrangements will be circulated at a later date for those who have expressed that they wish their children to return.

Most of the school will be closed on Wednesdays for additional cleaning and for teachers to have time to plan and to catch up with the online learning for children not in school.

It will not be a normal school day. There will be additional breaks, a chance to focus on well-being alongside some traditional lessons. Uniforms will not be compulsory before September. However, clothes and shoes need to be school appropriate.

Most of the lessons that will be delivered at school will also be available for the online learners. The online support will not be as extensive as previous; as the teachers will now be in school. Pupils in KS2 especially, will see a difference.

Currently, we are not actively planning for the next step when years 2, 3, 4 and 5 children are invited to return to school, but have already been considering options.



I do hope that you have managed to access the Collective Worship that I have recorded every week. My son is exasperated by the amount of technological support I need from him! Why does it take 3 hours to record and edit a ten minute clip? However, it does get slightly easier each week. I'm sure that some of our children could do it a lot quicker.

Among the many messages in my inbox, are offers of support for well-being and mental health. If you or your child would like support, please get in touch and I can either signpost you or put you in touch with someone who can help. This can include telephone or online support and advice. The Emotional Health Support Worker is offering support with any worries or parenting needs, whether Covid related or not.



1 Corinthians 14:40 - *But all things should be done decently and in order.*

Finally, stay positive and stay safe.

Mrs K Fakes
Headteacher