



OLD CHURCH

Nursery School



21st May 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been difficult deciding when to write to you again, each night we receive more guidance as the government changes the guidelines about schools welcoming back more children. Staying on top of all this has been quite a challenging task.

We have been doing everything possible to get the optimum number of children safely back in school.

You may have read that the children must be in what is being described as a “bubble” with the same staff for the entire time they are in school. The bubble idea means that staff and pupils stay together and cannot access any other school groups. Imagine it as a protective cell.

The number of children in a bubble cannot exceed 15 and so we would need 8 classrooms to be able to bring all the children back safely. As you know, we only have 3 classrooms at Old Church. If we are to follow the DFE guidance regarding “bubbles”, social distancing, movement around the school and hygiene we can only have a maximum of **45** children in school.

We must continue to prioritise the children of NHS and other critical workers and so we will only be able to invite a limited number of children to return to school. I realise that some of you will be very disappointed at this news as the headlines imply that a lot more children will start school on June 1st.

We are working closely with the local authority and our Governing Body and are really sorry we cannot take more children but our top priority has to be keeping all children and staff safe.

There will be no change in the number of children coming to school on the 1st of June.

Please do not send your child unless you have been invited to do so by me. From 8th June we will invite a small number to return using criteria agreed with the local authority/DFE.

Please be patient with us as we will review this every few days and as soon as we can safely accommodate more children we will.

Kind regards and thank you for your ongoing support

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