



Sulby Primary School

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Dear Parents

We have all found ourselves in very strange and difficult circumstances over the last few months and there is still a lot of uncertainty about how our future will look. There have been many daily reminders about the really important things in life and the community support has been amazing.

We do hope you have appreciated the home learning and communication opportunities with the teachers on the website and on Google Classrooms. We were all surprised when we had to request parent confirmation as this platform is provided by GTS and has been used for many years. We have continued to monitor our enquiries email pretty much seven days a week and we are grateful for all the support, feedback and questions.

We have been advised that we can begin planning to open our school again on Wednesday 17th June for some children, although we do have to follow government and departmental guidance. This date is still considered aspirational and will depend on any significant developments. We have looked forward to this announcement and can now begin making preparations. As we start to welcome children back into school the safety of everyone remains our main priority. As Coronavirus is likely to be with us for some time this means that school will be quite different from when we last met. When we finalise our risk assessments and daily plans we will share these with parents so that everyone is aware of our protocols and procedures.

At this moment in time we are advised that children of key worker groups and children in Year 2 and Year 6 are provisionally invited to return on the 17th June. The DESC is aware that some parents may choose to keep children at home and this will be a supported option.

It will help us greatly in our planning and preparation if parents with children from the above groups could advise us by email to SulbyEnquiries@sch.im if they are planning to send children into school on the 17th June should we open on that date. We are currently planning for whole days but we will need to advise flexible start and finish times when we have numbers. We may also need to review plans depending on numbers joining us.

Please can I remind everyone that we will continue to use the website pages for our regular and frequent communications on our new Return to School pages. It has been wonderful reading the children's comments and enjoying video conferences with the older children but we are all very excited to finally open our school and to see our children.

Best wishes

Martin Jackson