



# CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Learning together in a Christian community,  
nurturing and developing lively minds in a caring  
environment.**



21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear parents,

Half term is rapidly approaching and I wanted to write to update you following the Government's announcement that there would be wider opening of schools to pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

As you will be aware, pending the meeting of the the five key tests set by government, from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 primary schools are being asked to welcome back children in order of priority:

- **Priority Group 1** – all vulnerable children and the children of critical workers regardless of whether they can be safely cared for at home
- **Priority Group 2** – Pupils in Reception and Year 1
- **Priority Group 3** – Pupils in Year 6

Following all guidance received from the Department for Education and Wiltshire Council, my team and I have been working on our plan to welcome more children back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. This has included undertaking a thorough risk assessment and putting in place measures to ensure the school is Covid-secure for pupils, parents and staff.

Because of the unique context of our small school with its mixed-age classes, our plan may differ from that of other schools. However, it is important that each individual school prepares to welcome back pupils safely in line with its own risk assessment.

Due to the sizes of classrooms, the number of staff available and the amount of outside space that the school is able to make use of, we have a maximum capacity at this time of approximately 40 pupils.

We have planned to split the eligible children into four groups of approximately ten pupils. By maintaining these groups of approximately ten pupils, we will be able to keep children, parents and staff safe through the following measures:

- ensure safe, socially-distanced, staggered drop off and collection times,
- avoid mixing between each group so that children mix only with the adults and children in their own group
- maintain safe, socially-distanced movement around the site

- allow each group to have their own designated outside area for play, exercise and learning, on a rota basis so that all children make use of the full facilities at school
- allow sufficient space in each classroom to allow for a range of pastoral and learning activities to take place safely
- ensure we have sufficient staffing to maintain a clean and hygienic environment for everyone in school

We have identified approximately 40 pupils from Priority Group 1 – pupils who may be vulnerable, or whose parent is a critical worker.

Therefore, ONLY pupils from Priority Group 1 are being invited back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Individual parents within Priority Group 1 will receive a letter confirming that their child will be invited back to school after half term. The letter will contain details of specific arrangements that you will need to prepare for a return to school for your child.

My team and I hope to welcome as many children as possible back to school when it is safe to do so. We know that the decision to admit only Priority Group 1 children at this time will be a disappointment to many parents and children. However, you must not bring your child to school unless you receive a letter confirming that your child is in Priority Group 1. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

If you believe that your child should be included in Priority Group 1, and you have not received a letter by noon on Friday 22nd May, please contact Mrs McCall in the school office on [admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk) as soon as possible. You can check the list of critical workers (also known as key workers) [here](#). Please be aware that we may require evidence of your status as a key worker.

The latest government information for parents can be found online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Unfortunately, we cannot reply to individual phone queries at this time but be assured we will continue to keep everyone updated as soon as we have any new information to share.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Chapman