

Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

Re-opening 2

12th June 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Things are still very strange for us all, I know, but it has been another lovely week in school and I hope it has been a good one for you all at home and at work too.

Returning to school

I am aware that the thing that will be pivotal for you is information on this week's government's announcement about their ambition for all children to return to school for a month before September. It is very true that, whilst the stringent health and safety measures are in place, we will not be in a position to open school for all year groups. We have limited spaces and limited staffing. We are proud of what we have achieved so far. We have consulted with eligible families (those with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and keyworker families in Year 2, 3 and 4) at regular intervals and have increased our numbers each week to date. During week commencing 1st June, 57% of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 returned and this week, 59% have returned (plus key worker children). This percentage will increase again next week as the final 15 places have now been allocated. Our bubbles are now full to capacity and we will not be allocating further places.

Our staffing of bubbles has now reached capacity. All 'teachers' available in school are now deployed. Of course, we can't predict staff absence and hope that our staff and their families remain healthy and well but we must, as a school, risk assess for these eventualities. As well as any 'usual' absences, the track and trace system and isolation requirements are likely to impact on some of us in the coming weeks. You need to be aware that, **if bubble leads are unable to attend work, we may need to temporarily close their bubble until they return.** I know this would certainly not be ideal, and would create issues for you and your personal family circumstances, but I also know that you will appreciate that this would be unavoidable and would be part of the national effort to keep everybody as safe as we can as we stay alert and control the virus.

We have spoken with parents of our **Year 4 children**, and indeed many others who do not have children in Year 4 but empathise in terms of the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on their transition to other schools. We have a very small capacity to offer year 4 places so that we can make the end of their St Edward's learning journey the best it can be. I must reiterate that this does not mean that Year 4 children will be returning for 4 ½ days a week. I will be working with SLT early next week to formulate a plan and will be in touch with you with more information shortly. Any return will, of course, be optional and not compulsory.

It is regretful that **Year 2 and Year 3** are highly unlikely to return but I want to reassure you that as we plan September transition, we are recognising their loss of education and care in school this term and prioritising their wellbeing on return. I will keep you updated on our plans for September as they

evolve in the coming weeks. Thank you for the amazing job that you are doing as parents. Many of the children who have returned have wowed us with their learning and progress made at home and you deserve much credit for engaging and limiting the effects that Coronavirus is having on your child's education.

All Key Stage 1 and 2 are receiving their rainbow ties and wearing them with pride. We are still waiting for the rainbow motifs for the Early Years to be delivered but the children will have them very soon.

Class Dojo

May I remind you all to check your child's class **Class Dojo** and portfolio regularly? Your feedback tells us that you feel really well informed and that you are enjoying the link between home and school. In addition to sharing class stories and messages, we are using it to share homework for children that have returned to school and you can upload comments and/or photographs of homework for teachers to view. We are awarding gold and duck awards via Dojo and I am giving my prestigious Principal's Award stickers on there also.

School dinners

This hasn't been an issue in school but I need to let you know that Fresh Start, our lunchtime provider, will not be making spare lunches from Monday. If you forget to order a lunch, or to bring your child's packed lunch from home, we will contact you and you will need to drop a lunch off in our school entrance between 9.45 and 11.45 am.

Before, after school and holiday care

I wrote to you last week to let you know that, from July 20th, we will be providing school led before, after and holiday care at St Edward's. We have had a strong working relationship with Early Stages over many years and we are both committed to maintaining links as high quality childcare providers within the village. We need to plan staffing and provision and, I'm sure you will appreciate, how difficult this will be in the current climate. **I have included a 'booking form' at the end of this letter for you to indicate provision that you know you would like and provision that you may use, if available.** Please return this by 12:00 noon on Monday 22nd June 2020 via post, email or place in the allocated box in our entrance area between the hours of 9.45am and 2.45pm. Obviously, all provisional offers are subject to government and health and safety restrictions. Once I have this information, I can plan a way forwards for the summer holidays and the autumn term.

Exciting news!

At St Edward's, it is our ambition that each class will have an animal to take care of and love. We currently have fish and tortoises in Key Stage 2. We also hatched our own chicks in reception this year and were hoping to keep some but, due to COVID, we were unable to do so this time. (Fingers crossed for next year!). Well...Miss Gratton has been looking after two new additions at home during school closure and has been consulting with her Robins on what to call them. They had a democratic vote via Class Dojo and their guinea pigs are called Rainbow and Cookie! We are hoping that they join us in school soon once we have checked for allergies and/or fears.

Mrs Fryer will also be speaking with you all about 'Morris' joining us as a school pet too. He is a Cavapoochon, is very friendly, enjoys being around children, doesn't shed hair and is, therefore, a good breed in terms of allergies. Who knows what will be next? Maybe school sheep?

That's it for now. As ever, thank you for your positivity and gratitude. Have a lovely weekend all and I will be in touch again next week.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Machin



Mrs S. Machin - Principal

Before, after and holiday care at St Edward's Cheddleton

Please return this by 12:00 noon on Monday 22nd June 2020 via post, email or place in the allocated box in our entrance area between the hours of 9.45am and 2.45pm.

- Please tick (/) if you would definitely use a place if available
- Please question mark (?) if you may use a place if available but are not sure at the moment
- If you will not use a place if available, please leave blank

Child's Name:

Current Class:

Summer Holidays 2020

Week Commencing 20 th July 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 27 th July 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 3 rd August 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 10 th August 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 17 th August 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 24 th August 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Week Commencing 31 st August 2020	Monday Bank Holiday	Tuesday (Inset)	Wednesday School open	Thursday School open	Friday School open
09:00-15:00					
07:30-18:00					

Autumn Term 2020

Before School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:30-09:00					
Alternatively, please indicate approximate number of mornings required per week / month					

After School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15:00-18:00					
Alternatively, please indicate approximate number of mornings required per week / month					

CHARGES		
Before School daily rate	07:30-09:00	£5.00
After School daily rate	15:00-18:00	£10.75
Before and After School – full week	As above	£70.00
Holiday Club daily rate	09:00-15:00	£25.00
Holiday Club daily rate	07:30-18:00	£29.50

During the autumn term 2020, we will be consulting with you to review opening times, closing times and to review sessions so that we can provide a more flexible service.