

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well and healthy. I am writing to you today to give you an update on our phased reopening of school.

As you are probably aware we have been open since the start of the lock down, including throughout the holidays, for our key worker and vulnerable children. Following Government guidelines, we then started our phased reopening on Wednesday 3rd June for children in Nursey and Foundation classes as well as our Y1 and Y6 children.

So far our wider re opening of the school has gone well. The children have been amazing and we are lucky to have such a supportive community of parents who have really helped to settle the children in and support them in following social distancing behaviours in and out of school.

We currently have 12 bubbles arranged as follows:

Bubble	Year Groups	Number of Children
1	Nursery Children	5
2	YR Children	11
3	YR Children	
4	YR Children	
5	Y1 Children	12
6	Y1 Children	
7	Y6 Children	43
8	Y6 Children	
9	Y6 Children	
10	Y6 Children	
11	School Club KS1	18
12	School Club KS2	
	Total	89

This week we had an additional 14 children return to school and we do anticipate more children coming back each Monday. It is so lovely to see the children back in school and we look forward to seeing more. We can have up to 15 children in each bubble so we do have some more capacity for children in these year groups to return over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, it doesn't look like children in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will be able to return to school before the end of the summer term. I believe the government has changed its mind because it wants schools to continue teaching in bubbles up to 15 children. This means that there are not enough rooms or teachers to accommodate all the year groups. At CtS we would be unable to

take back any more children under these rules. This is because we currently have 12 bubbles in 14 rooms. All of our Teachers and Teaching Assistants are assigned to bubbles so we therefore do not have enough staff to teach additional children.

I think this is such a shame and would love to have had more children, from all year groups, back at school before the end of the summer term. Children in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 will need to continue with their home school learning until further notice. I will keep you up to date with any news or updates as soon as I receive them and will get the other children back into school as soon as I can.

On a slightly different note Mrs Smith would like to remind everyone that they should try and activate their ParentPay account as soon as possible. You should all have received an email with the details but if you haven't, could you please contact the school office as soon as you can and they will try and sort it out for you.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support and patience. As much as we are working hard to provide the best we can for your children you have kept all of us going with your kind words and encouragement – thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Quirk