



# Hand in hand we learn

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## Phased Re-opening Update

As you know from previous communications, over the past three weeks we have been working towards the Government guidance to safely welcome back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This is in addition to the group of children who have continued to attend school during the 'lockdown' period.

I am delighted to report that the initial steps into wider reopening of school have been a huge success. I have been inundated with reports of how children (and staff) are enjoying their time back in school and have been extremely impressed with how quickly children have adapted to the new school rules and routines we have to keep everyone safe.

As the Government guidance continues to evolve, we now want to see as many children returning to school as possible, but places are limited and safety remains paramount. Sadly, due to current limits on groups size, we simply do not have the space to for everyone. We are continually reviewing our capacity and will prioritise places, according to government guidelines, in the following order:

- Vulnerable children
- Children of key workers (places are now very limited)
- Children in Reception and Year 1
- Children in Year 6

As you know, each 'school bubble/pod' contains a maximum of 15 children, seated at a 2m distance from others. Therefore, due to a limited classroom space and staff, it is unlikely that we will be able to reintroduce any additional year groups under the current guidance. We would like all of our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children and families to know that we are thinking of you and staff are working hard to ensure that children still at home are receiving support. Planning continues to be uploaded to the website weekly, telephone calls are being made to each family and the pastoral team are available to provide additional support where needed. Please know that we are here for you.

We will continue to work towards a return for all children as soon as the Government guidance allows for this. I must stress that currently we have no indication when this will be - schools do not receive information any earlier than the general public.



I remain grateful to all parents and carers for their kindness and understanding throughout this crisis and for the amazing staff team here at Christ Church who have shown a commitment, dedication and willingness to do all they can to help our children and their families.

Miss Collier  
Head of School