



SHILLINGSTONE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Re-entry to school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Dear Families,

After writing to you all on last Monday, I am now in a position to give you some more detail about the weeks ahead. The Government has now published some further guidance and I have spent a good deal of time considering their advice and discussing with other Head teachers across SAST and Dorset.

I must stress that it is not a certainty that the school will re-open for specific year groups on June 1st. The Government are going to review this to check that they feel it is a safe thing to do, nearer the time. However, it is important that we start to plan for partial re-opening so that whenever the time arrives, we are all ready and feeling as confident as we can.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, when school re-opens for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, it will not be anything like a typical day before Corona Virus. Therefore, I want to make some things very clear to you, so you can make your own decisions based on facts:

The children will be (wherever possible):

- School opening hours will be from 9am – 3pm. The reason for the earlier closing time is because staff will be supporting with cleaning classroom items after each day (e.g. cleaning laptop keyboards and screens and other resources in the classrooms);
- Placed in the following classes: Reception children will be in Jungle Class, Year 1 will be in Woodland Class, Year 6 will be in Desert Class, children of critical workers will be in Ocean Class. All children will be reminded of social distancing guidelines but we cannot guarantee this at all times;
- Will be with adults from their own class where staffing numbers allow (a provisional staff timetable below – this is subject to change in the case of staff absence/illness);





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	Jungle Class Reception (approximately 16 children)	Woodland Class Year 1 (approximately 12 children)	Ocean Class Critical worker children (approximately 12 children depending on parents booking children into the group)	Desert Class  (approximately 14 children)
<b>Monday</b>	Mrs Bray Mrs Skakich	Mrs Hillier	Miss Ryan Mrs Wood Mrs Allsop	Mrs Vail
<b>Tuesday</b>	Mrs Bray Mrs Skakich	Mrs Hillier	Miss Ryan Mrs Wood Mrs Allsop	Mrs Vail
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mrs Bray Mrs Skakich	Mrs Hillier	Miss Ryan Mrs Wood Mrs Allsop	Mrs Vail
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs Panther Mrs Skakich	Mrs Hillier Mrs Whitehouse- Sharpe	Miss Ryan Mrs Allsop	Mrs Wood
<b>Friday</b>	Mrs Panther Mrs Skakich	Mrs Bray	Miss Ryan Mrs Allsop	Mrs Wood

- Be outside wherever possible but not in close proximity;
- Have their own work station and resources (supplied by school) in Woodland, and Desert Class. Jungle Class will be using the classroom and outside learning area;
- Have a packed lunch provided by yourselves, a water bottle, sunhat and sun cream;
- Wear non-school uniform with trainers not school shoes (to support parents in ensuring that clothes are washed every day after attending school).
- The school will be propping open doors, opening windows and keeping the school well ventilated so the children will need to wear warm clothes.

Further things for you to consider are:





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- Your child will spend the whole day with this small group, including their 'free time';
- The activities on offer every day will feel different to normal 'lessons' as we have to limit the amount of shared resources, so children are not continually touching things that other children have touched;
- Parents are encouraged to walk to school but if driving children to school, to drive separately, not in multiple family groups (sharing lifts with people from a different household);
- Children will be dropped off and collected from different places in the school. Reception children will go through Jungle Class side door, Year 1 through the main door of the school and Year 6 through the back fire exit door of their classroom (these children will need to come through the side gate of the school to walk through to the back door) to minimise the number of people gathering at the same place;
- Parents and carers will not be able to enter the building, for any reason. Parents need to observe social distancing when dropping off and picking up children. No gathering together on the school site;
- There will be no assemblies or gatherings of classes, year groups or the whole school;
- We will not be sending anything home (e.g. reading books) because resources coming in and out of school increase the risk of contamination;
- Many of you will have other children in year groups not included in the first phase of opening. They will not be able to come to school, even though their brother or sister is attending;
- We are **not** able to provide childcare before and after school in Breakfast Club or after school clubs;
- All adults and children will endeavour to follow social distancing rules in school but clearly this is going to be a challenge, particularly with the younger children in the school;
- Staff will be instructing children to follow hand-washing guide lines and there will be hand sanitiser in every classroom;





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- Children will not be mixing with children from other classes. This includes having the children in the different classes having designated areas for break and lunch times and not mixing;
- The school will be cleaned thoroughly every day after school.

Curriculum issues:

We will be focusing on and supporting the children's emotional well-being as much as possible during the day. We will be concentrating on the core subjects, Literacy, Numeracy, Phonics in the morning and focussing on topic work during the afternoons.

The curriculum that the staff will be teaching in school with Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and critical workers children will be the same as the curriculum being posted on the class pages of the website for all the other children not returning to school.

Illness concerns:

**It is imperative** that if your child shows any symptoms of COVID 19 that they **stay home**. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

If a child shows any symptoms in school, parents will be contacted and will be expected to collect **immediately**. Children will be isolated from other children until parents arrive. They will then need to stay at home for the appropriate time.





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- According to the government all Year R ,1 and 6 children in school will be eligible for a COVID 19 test if they show symptoms. This is for parents to organise. **If a child is found to be positive, the whole class group and staff must stay home and quarantine for 14 days. Please don't let this put you off getting a test – it is important for your child, your family and the school community.**
- If a child lives with a parent on the clinically vulnerable list, it is advised that the pupil does not come to school as we are unable to guarantee strict social distancing. Please refer to the Department for Education Guidance for Parents and Carers online for more information.
- The government advise that it is not appropriate for staff or pupils to wear face masks in school, nor would we want them to, however if a child is displaying symptoms then the supervising staff member is advised to wear PPE whilst waiting for parents to collect.

In order for us to move forward, we really need an idea of how many children we are preparing for. If all the eligible children attend, we would be expecting approximately 50-60 children each day (this includes Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and critical workers' children). This requires management of large-scale risk and extremely careful planning. I hope you all know by now that my utmost priority is the safety of the children and staff and I will be making every decision in the best interests of our school community.

The next step to aid me in my planning and preparation is to find out if you wish for your child to return to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. If you are a parent of a Reception, Year 1, Year 6 or critical worker, please could you send an email to [office@shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@shillingstone.dorset.sch.uk) informing us of your intention **to send or not to send** your child your school. It is vital that this information is sent to school **by 9am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

Information needed is as follows:

Child's name:

Year group:





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Critical worker status (parent role):

I intend / do not intend to send my child into school from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Please be aware that if you book your child into school or decide not to send your child into school from 1<sup>st</sup> June, it is expected that this arrangement will continue to the end of term. This is subject to the government changing their guidance/advice depending on infection rates.

You should be aware that although the Government are 'encouraging' you to send your child to school, you are **not** legally obliged to do so. There will be no attendance penalties, such as a fine or letters from the Local Authority, as you would normally expect. I hope that the information given in this letter will allow you to make an informed decision about sending your child to school or not.

Please be aware that these are ever changing times and you will need to be flexible. I would like to thank you wholeheartedly, parents and children, for coping so admirably with this situation, the like of which we have never encountered before. It has not been easy we know, but we have a very strong school community and together we will come through this difficult time.

Thank you for all your support and I hope to see you again soon.

Take care and stay alert

Yours sincerely

Jane Whitehouse-Sharpe  
Headteacher

