



## St Bertoline's C of E Primary School

18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents

Once again I need to update you with regards to our plan for the wider opening of St Bertoline's.

As previously explained, the number of key worker children are increasing on a weekly basis and we are receiving lots of enquiries as to when children can re-join school. This week we have operated 5 pods, from next week we will rise to 7 pods as children from pre-school to reception are encouraged to come back to school.

Overall, our 'pod' system is working well and the teachers and children have established good routines with regard to the health and safety protocols which are in place. The children have got used to which entrance and exit they need to use as well as understanding the 'keep your distance' rule.

The response from our re-vamped home learning has also been very positive and I would like to sincerely thank those parents who have gone above and beyond in trying to maintain home schooling amongst the demands of home working - not an easy task!

The teachers have all been doing video clips to put on-line and hopefully seeing their teachers will encourage and motivate the children to complete the home learning tasks. More importantly, please do try to keep your child reading - as all the children at St Bert's will tell you 'Reading is the key!'

As we move forward to pre-school and reception children joining us, there will be slight changes to timings and entry points. I have listed below the details.

	<b>GATE OF ENTRY</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Pre-school and Reception	Emergency gate off the main roundabout	8.50 - 9.15am
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Reception/Y1	Emergency gate off the main roundabout	8.50 - 9.15am
Y2 (Key Workers)	Small side gate off Norton Lane opposite the office	8.50 - 9.00 am
Y3 (Key Workers)	Small side gate off Nortonwood Lane	8.50 - 9.00 am
Y4 (Key Workers)	Main staff car park gate	8.50 - 9.00 am
Y5/Y6 (Key Workers)	Main car park pedestrian gate	8.50 - 9.00 am

All pods will line up for school (2 metres apart) at their appropriate gate. They will also be picked up from this gate. Children will enter school between 8.50 and 9.15 (depending upon which pod they are in). Children will finish school at 3.00 pm **except on a Friday when school will finish at 1.00 pm** to allow time for teachers to plan home learning, attend to any additional cleaning of resources as well as do any welfare calls needed.

Hopefully, from 22<sup>nd</sup> June this will be the pattern for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, it will be highly unlikely that places for Y1 children will be offered as we are now reaching capacity as far as staffing and space within school are concerned. Government rules mean that we must prioritise key worker children and these numbers have increased dramatically of late. Nevertheless, we are hoping to be able to arrange something for our Y6 children as we approach the end of term. We will be in touch with Y6 parents very shortly to discuss our proposed plans for their children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please feel free to contact us should you need a chat.

I hope you are looking after each other and look forward to seeing everyone very soon.

God bless!

Julie Barron