



# The Cathedral School Newsletter

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**Wednesday 20th May 2020**

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

I normally write to you as part of the newsletter on a Friday but I am writing today instead because once the year R, 1 and 6 responses are all in by 3.30pm, our concentration will be on forming the Bubbles and providing each group with detailed instructions.

Firstly, I'd like to thank you as parents for your support of all we are doing. It has been reassuring for it to be recognized that changing your organization constantly and reorganizing to meet changing need and directives is a challenging and exhaustive process; it is why we have been proud to support our NHS and critical workers during this time whose challenges have been greater.

It is and has been our intention to support you all as we all find our way forward to what is best for the children. There is a great deal in the press and Local Authorities and individual schools are approaching a return to school differently.

### **For Year's R, 1, 6 and Key Workers**

What we are united about is the need to bring children back to school safely. We are being more ambitious in our plan than most schools because our building and facilities mean that we can create individual units in numbers under the Government recommendation of 15, this is what we are describing as Bubbles. We can staff these Bubbles with less than the suggested number of children and the staff do not need to meet, they have separate staff room facilities too to avoid cross contamination. **If the demand is full, and the Key Worker need is greater than anticipated we may have to adjust Year 6 being in school constantly. If the rate of infection goes up we may not be able to implement the return on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We expect to have confirmation on 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

We can make school not seem scary; pictures of what the classrooms look like will be issued to the youngest children returning on Friday together with the rules we are following.

We are not using the Hall. Lunches will arrive at each Bubble, or the children can bring packed lunches.

What we can't do is have children in for half days. If the corridors are barely in use and specific entrances and exits are place we cannot have children from Bubbles coming and going from different areas. Children can come for less days, but they do need to be whole days.

You may not be certain you want your child to return yet, but you may in a couple of weeks' time. Please record that to us on your survey, they will be allocated to a Bubble, which are socially adjusted for that time.

We think this link is useful for explaining Bubbles: <https://www.facebook.com/349846382192653/posts/842104666300153/?vh=e>

### **For Year 2, 3, 4 & 5 of non- critical workers and those choosing not to send their children back from R, 1 and 6.**

We will continue to run a remote school and provide resources and some feedback for the other year groups. However, we will not be able to guarantee a Zoom meeting with the class teacher who will be fully occupied and comments on Tapestry may not necessarily be from your child's class teacher but a range of adults supporting offsite. Remote schooling will be kept under review and support via the leadership team on the phone will continue.

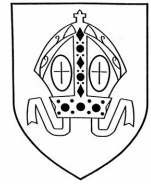


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### For everyone.

For those of you who have more than an hour to look at this. This Zoom meeting of head's with a Cambridge Clinician is recommended. It does what I think is the most important and has been shared with staff and is suggested it could be shared with parents by the Essex Primary Heads. I believe that you don't just tell people what good practice is or set rules, you inform them so they can think, apply and extrapolate for themselves. Then they are truly safe because they know **why** and can take ownership of their actions. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2bEm\\_NvIpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2bEm_NvIpc)

### Important announcement

It falls to me to announce and congratulate Mrs Russell on her appointment as the Head Teacher of Chipping Ongar Primary School from the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The school have been blessed with two outstanding Deputy Head Teachers and she will be much missed after her fantastic contribution to the school; her teaching which has benefitted so many of our pupils, her leadership of curriculum, her support of new teachers, her management as a phase leader and her creative innovation. She has been behind ducks, chicks, dramatic history days, her involvement in Kenya, I barely scratch the surface.

She will be hugely missed and we are very sad to lose her but thrilled for her; we look forward to hearing of the difference she will make for numerous other children as the leader of Chipping Ongar Primary.

Staffing for September is very much in hand and will be announced next half term so we can effect transition and prepare the children for their new classes and who their teachers will be.

We anticipate the minimal amount of change within the team going forward.

Best wishes

Linda Wiskin