



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly we would like to thank parents for their continued patience throughout these very difficult and testing times. We know just how frustrating it has been, not knowing the plans for September, but there was absolutely no mileage in us trying to second guess the government's decision and waste many valuable hours on unusable plans. Yesterday we finally received the news we have been waiting for with the detailed guidance being found on the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

In summary, we will be opening our doors to all of our children from Wednesday 2nd September with year 1 and 2 pupils all in full time and our new Reception children attending with their part time arrangements for the first week and a half. We still have many decisions to make over the next few days with regards to the details, in order to make things as safe as possible for all pupils and staff therefore you will receive further information early next week.

The further details will include first and foremost our procedures in school for maintaining class bubbles and limiting contact with other pupils and staff, staggered timings for dropping off and collecting to avoid too many people on the school grounds at the same time, how lunchtimes and break times will be organised, our plans for our curriculum and what our lessons will look like and how we intend on finding out the children's starting points after the disruption to their education.

We are looking forward to doing what we are in our jobs to do - educating the children of our local families in the best and safest way that we possibly can. We have missed our children and are counting down the days until their return. We will be building upon and continuing with some of our new ways of working; adapting to the here and now, as are the children, and we are making it work and seeing many successes!

We will be in touch again very soon but for now have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer