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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

### **Covid-19 Update**

I am sat in my office listening to our Reception children play outside, squealing with laughter, on their new playground. I am really pleased to say that the children who have returned to school have been very resilient and just glad to be back. We are taking a low key approach with discussing the virus and trying to act as normal in school as possible. Well as normal as we ever get at Old Church!

#### **Places in school**

The demand for places in school has obviously increased as the guidelines change. We have reassessed the Risk Assessment and we can increase the number of children to 16 in Reception. We will still keep the level at 12 in Year 1 and Year 6.

Once our bubbles are full we will not be able to take any more children. If you do require a place please let us know as soon as possible.

#### **September schooling**

The Prime Minister has announced that social distancing has been altered to 1 metre from 2metres. He has also added that all children will be expected to return to school by September. A lot can change between now and September but we will be working towards that expectation, unless there is a U-turn. We know how many of them there have been since March!

#### **Changes to shielding guidance**

The government have announced updated guidance for those that are shielding.

- From Monday 6 July, those shielding from coronavirus can gather in groups of up to 6 people outdoors and form a 'support bubble' with another household.
- Those who are shielding and live alone or are single parents with children will also be able to create a 'support bubble' with one other household of any size, following the same rules already in place for the wider population.
- From Saturday 1 August, clinically extremely vulnerable people will no longer be advised to shield, but support will remain available from NHS volunteers and local councils.
- People will retain their priority for supermarket delivery slots, and still be able to access help with shopping, medication, phone calls and transport to medical appointments.
- Those who need to work and cannot do so from home will be able to return to work as long as their workplace is COVID secure,

#### **Terrorist Attacks**

Children are more and more aware of what is going on in the world due to social media coverage. Some may have seen the recent terrorist attacks in Reading and be frightened or worried. It is

extremely hard to know what to say to a child to reassure them and not frighten them. The Local Authority has recommended the following resources which may help:

- LGfL: Talking to Children about terrorism(for parents)
- NSPCC: How should you talk to children about terrorism?(for parents)
- Childline: Worries about the world page(for children)

### **Support**

If you need any help or support please do not hesitate to call us. We are not monitoring the [Coronaupdates@old-church.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:Coronaupdates@old-church.walsall.sch.uk) any more so please telephone the office or use the email addresses that your teachers have given you.

Keep safe and well  
Kind Regards

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