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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we welcomed back children in Early Years and Year 1. They returned to classes that look very different with new rules and routines and they dealt with these changes in a very grown up and sensible way. We have been so impressed with how well they have adapted to the new regimes while remaining happy and ready to learn. They seem to enjoy being zapped with the thermometers as they arrive at school in the morning!



Thank you to parents and carers for following our precautions and maintaining social distancing and helping us to prevent cross contamination. Your co-operation has been fantastic in helping us to keep school as safe an environment as is possible.

We have had several phone calls this week from parents who would like to send their child back to school. We are very sorry that we are unable to accommodate **any** additional children until the next risk assessment. This is because we have made all the safety arrangements based on the number of children who were confirmed as returning to school (including key worker's children). As you can see from our risk assessment plan below, the next risk assessment will be completed during the week commencing 22nd June for operation from 29th June. If you wish your child to return from 29th June you must let us know by 19th June at the latest.

22 nd May 2020	Risk assessment completed based on numbers of children confirmed as returning. (✓) Option to return / remain at home closed. (✓)
25 th May 2020	Deadline for wider key workers to register attendance (✓)
1 st June 2020	Reception class return to school 9 am (✓)
3 rd June 2020	Year 1 return to school (✓)
8 th June 2020	Year 6 return to school
19 th June 2020	Deadline to inform school of decision to return children to school (only those who had not returned previously). Please inform school by emailing reply@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk or telephone the school office.
22 nd June 2020	Risk assessment review based on revised numbers of pupils
29 th June 2020	Revised risk assessment operational

At present, we can only take children from the year groups designated by the Government, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, or the children of frontline National Health or Primary School key workers.

Home Learning

We will continue to provide home learning for children who have not yet returned to school on the website. If you have requested printed copies of the work, please ensure you collect them to prevent wasting resources.

St Teresa's Little Learners Nursery

We still have places available in our school Nursery for September. If your child turns 3 years of age by the end of August, please contact the school office to register your interest, or email N@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk for more information.

Mrs Manning

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Manning will be leaving St Teresa's in July to take up a promotion in East London. We will all miss her terribly but I am sure you will all join us in wishing her great success and happiness in her new post.

Arrangements for September

We are planning for September and hope to let you know staffing arrangements over the next couple of weeks.

Take care, keep safe and enjoy the week with your families,

Mrs Cashell