



Important Update – Thursday 21 May.

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to provide a brief update regarding how we are welcoming some year groups back to school based learning after the May Break **and what this means for your child who is not in the returning year groups.**

Summary:

- We will be opening our school for Nursery, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 from the week beginning 1 June.
- The Government will review whether or not other year groups may be able to safely return to school in July. However, this will be determined by the national rate of infection and details have not yet been confirmed.

Distance Learning

All children not returning to school must stay at home and continue to engage with their distance learning.

For children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, we will continue to support learning from home through the use of the Seesaw platform. We will endeavour to keep this to the standard currently being delivered, but if staff are needed to support learning at school, it will not be possible to maintain the same level of learning for children at home. We would continue to signpost daily learning to children using resources such as <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>.

I have been pleased to see the amount of positive engagement we have had from our children and this experience has allowed us to develop our digital learning as a school. Each day our teachers are telling me about something new or exciting their classes are doing.

Child care provision for children of key workers:

For the children of key workers requiring childcare this will still be provided here at All Faiths from 1 June. Parents/Carers should continue to provide **24 hours' notice** of their intention to use this provision. Please contact the school office on 03333 602100 or via MYEd if you wish your child to use this provision.

How child care provision will work at our school:

- Children should arrive at school at 8:30 and enter the building through the Year 6 classroom door. Children will be provided with a white band that they must wear at all times when at school so that we can keep different groups of children separated to maintain social distancing arrangements.
- Children will be expected to engage with the distance learning set for their year group.

- We have made the following arrangements for lunch: children can bring a packed lunch from home, or have a school dinner (hot dinner or packed lunch option). We encourage pupils to bring a packed lunch from home or have a school packed lunch, as this will allow the bubble to use the outside areas at lunchtime (weather permitting). You will need to book your child's school lunch via +Pay at least 24 hours in advance.
- Child care will close at 15:15 and children will be collected from the lower playground, beside the shed.

Free School Meals:

If your child is entitled to benefit related free school meals you will continue to receive vouchers until further notice. Please note that these are not available during school holidays.

Ways to remotely engage with school

Whilst your child is remote learning, we would encourage them to actively participate in digital activities to engage with their class. This is a great way to build their online skills, meet with friends safely and speak to teachers. The Seesaw platform has allowed the children and staff to continue to have a link with each other, please encourage your child to keep engaging.

Looking after your well-being at home

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and now more than ever it is important to take time to look after yourself and your families. We are all experiencing disrupted routine and restricted freedoms so having your children learning from home is bound to add extra pressure. We have a toolkit of well-being resources and activities for all ages to try together: <https://www.tsatrust.org.uk/about/coronavirus/health-safety-wellbeing/>

What does school look like for the children who are returning?

As you may have seen in my previous updates, we have put plans in place to welcome back Nursery and Years R, 1 and 6.

In order to do this safely we have introduced new measures such as; family bubbles, bespoke timetables and strict rules on social distancing.

If you would like to see the details of what this means please check the Coronavirus information page, specifically the *School Status* page: www.tsatrust.org.uk/coronavirus

Where to look for further information

We have launched a dedicated website for information on our plans to return children safely to school.

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust is actively responding to ongoing developments with the coronavirus outbreak and we will continue to update this page as the situation develops, adding in more information for your child's year group as we have it.

FAQs and information: www.tsatrust.org.uk/coronavirus

If you have any questions regarding provision for your child in Term 6, please contact the school office, who will pass your enquiry on to the best member of staff to deal with your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Murphy', written on a light-colored background.

Mr C Murphy
Head Teacher