

# Whitefield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re-opening of school

Thank you to all of you who submitted questions on our Facebook page or via email regarding the government announcement on schools potentially re-opening. It was really helpful to hear what your worries are and also to think through the practicalities of how re-opening could be done.

I must stress that I am not notifying you that school is reopening. We are currently planning for children to return to school at some point; yet a decision has not been made about when we will open and which year groups this will involve initially at Whitefield and I continue to work with the governors, staff, the local authority and await further clarification from the Department of Education to ensure that when the time comes school is as safe as it can be.

It would be helpful to know whether you will be sending your child to school if schools do re-open prior to the summer. There will be absolutely no judgement made on your decision and the government have stated that no action will be taken should you choose to keep your child at home.

To aid your decision, I have noted below some things that could potentially happen should we open:

- The children may be in school for two days a week with one class from the year group attending Monday and Tuesday and the other class attending Thursday and Friday. This would allow us to clean school on Wednesday and allow time for the teachers to plan and update Seesaw learning.
- The children in school would access the same learning via Seesaw as those staying at home. There would be no difference to the provision in school.
- The children may be in smaller groups (the guidance says no more than 15) and be in these small groups for the full day.

- I cannot guarantee that your child will be in a group with their class teacher or teaching assistant.
- They may not be with their usual social friendship group.
- Your child may not be in the same classroom as they are usually.
- The hub that has been running in school for the last 8 weeks for key worker children will continue to be in the school hall.

Click here to access the questionnaire letting us know what your decision would be in the event that school would reopen.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOycAbEuqlzv1MJtVZRmVFsdUbzWAu2vCThmC4J3XeCLu\\_9A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOycAbEuqlzv1MJtVZRmVFsdUbzWAu2vCThmC4J3XeCLu_9A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

As always, thank you for all your support during this difficult time. It really does make this process much easier knowing we are such a supportive a community.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Foster".

Sarah Foster

Headteacher