

Essex County Council

# Stebbing Primary School

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Dear parents,

I hope you and your families are staying well. Following the government's announcement I would like to try to outline to you some of the plans we are beginning to formulate. Please be aware that these are subject to change as we are in our initial planning stages at present. We are currently risk assessing and working through our framework for reopening to reception, year 1 and year 6 after May half-term. We are gaining support from Essex County Council and awaiting further resources from them in order to ensure all issues have been considered. I would like to make it clear that Essex has informed us that no parents will be fined during this period if you choose to not send your child to school.

## Opening the school is dependent on a number of things (not an exhaustive list):

- Enough staffing (we currently have a number of staff shielding)
- Safe spaces which enable children to be socially distanced
- Correct and necessary PPE
- The government meeting their target of the 5 tests
- Socially distanced drop off/pick ups and amended opening hours

## Learning will look very different:

- We plan to continue with learning packs for all pupils. This enables a fair and consistent approach for all pupils.
- Reception children will have very limited access to resources in school. We will be using plastic resources (that can be washed) as far as possible. The classroom set up will look very different. All self-accessed shelving will be closed. Children will be sitting at their workstation to complete their learning.
- All children will have time outside during the day within their small groups and will be distanced. We will look to take learning outside whenever possible.

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-We plan for children to be in the same small groups and to use the available spaces we have to ensure social distancing measures are adhered to. Children will only be able to be with their small group and this will mean they may not be with their core group of friends.

-It is highly likely that children will not be based in their usual classroom.

-They will have their own workstation to limit any spread of germs.

-Pupils will either be supported by a teacher or teaching assistant in their small group.

-There will be no large gatherings at school (e.g. assemblies, sports day, music afternoon, summer fete etc)

-Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and children will eat lunch in their class base. They will remain with their small group.

I know none of these measures are ideal for children returning to school, but their safety and the safety of all of our staff is paramount. It will be very hard for children to return to Stebbing without it actually looking like the normal school they are used to. We can't wait to be able to properly get back to normal.

It will really help our planning and enable us to conduct further risk analysis if you could complete the short survey sent with this letter today.

There are 3 surveys, one for each year group so if you do have children in more than one of the year groups please can I ask that you complete the survey for all of your children. If you have twins please complete the survey twice.

The surveys are hyperlinked below:

[Reception parent survey](#)

[Year 1 parent survey](#)

[Year 6 parent survey](#)

Thank you, once again for your support in these challenging times.

Best wishes to you all,

*Miss Mawson*

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