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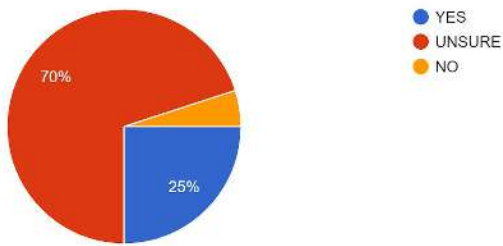


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Dear parents,

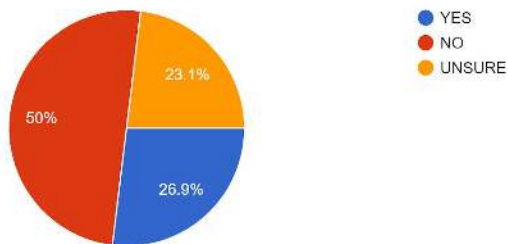
I hope you and your families are staying well. Thank you to everyone who completed our survey last week. It was really helpful and I share with you below the key results:

Do you plan to send your child back to Stebbing Primary School after May half-term?
20 responses



RECEPTION

Do you plan to send your child back to Stebbing Primary School after May half-term?
26 responses



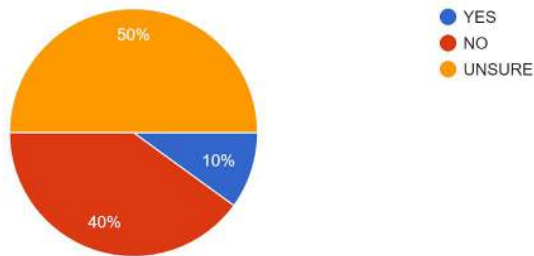
YEAR 1

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Do you plan to send your child back to Stebbing Primary School after May half-term?

20 responses



YEAR 6

I will also endeavour to answer all general questions here. If you have a specific question that has not been answered below please do not hesitate to contact me.

Who will be teaching my child if they return?

At present I cannot tell you exactly who will be. I am in the process of creating teams for children to work in so that contact between children and adults is limited. I will inform all families who sign up for their child to return to school. The teams are likely to be a mix of support staff and a teacher. However, for year 6, Mr Le Masurier will be online throughout the day via Google Classroom and Google Meet so that the children can interact with him.

Will work continue to be set?

Yes, we are going to continue to set work in the same way. The children attending school will be completing the same work as those at home to ensure it is fair for all. However, there will be break times built into the structure, staggered lunch times and games at points during the day to give everyone a brain-break.

The plan will be for staff to remain as active as possible on Dojo/Tapestry/Google classroom.

How will the school be kept clean?

As it stands cleaners are completing a thorough clean and each area of the school that is in use will have thorough cleans each day. We will have disinfectant sprays for tables to be wiped periodically during the day. Staff will do this. Resources available will be limited and as far as possible children will have their own set of stationery to use. We are aiming to have specific toilet blocks for the different teams of children to use to try to limit how many people access these during the day. These will be checked by staff regularly.

Has provision been made for test kits?

We have not been made aware that we are going to have test kits at school. However, I believe children and their families attending school will be able to access a test kit should they need it. If further information becomes available I will update you.

Has PPE been ordered?

We already have disposable gloves and aprons in school and we are ordering masks which we expect to arrive before we return to school. We always wear gloves for any first aid treatment. However, masks and aprons will only be used to administer first aid to pupils exhibiting symptoms and for intimate personal care (such as changing children). This is in-line with government guidelines who confirm that school staff should not wear PPE, only for reasons that it would usually be worn.

Will temperatures be taken as precaution?

Parents and carers do not need to take their child's temperature every morning as it is not a reliable method to identify coronavirus. This statement was in one of my most recent updates from DFE. Therefore at present we would not be taking children's temperatures

Will the school hours be the same as normal ?

We are currently looking at a slightly different time table. Each year group will have a drop off time: 8.45, 8.55, 9.05. Pick up times will also be staggered: 2.30, 2.40, 2.50. This will give staff an opportunity to clean resources before the next day. Children will have shorter lunchtimes to enable a staggered approach to be in place to limit the amount of children they come into contact with. We are also planning to finish the school day at 12.45 on a Friday to enable a deeper clean to take place and for teachers to have their usual statutory planning time to prepare for the following week. However, this is yet to be confirmed and once we have clarification on exact numbers I will be able to give you the plan moving forward.

What would a school day look like?

Please see details below. I cannot be certain what the day will look like at present, but wish to stress it won't unfortunately look like Stebbing. Yes, we will try to make it fun at parts through the day, but the same buzz and excitement I don't believe will be at school. Children won't necessarily have their friends around them:

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.

- We plan for children to be in the same small teams 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 team.
- There will be no large gatherings at school (e.g. assemblies, sports day, music afternoon, summer fete etc)
- There will be no clubs
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and children will eat lunch in their class base. They will remain with their small group.

A question related to transition into the new school year.

I will give further updates on the plans and provision we will put in place over the next few weeks. Please be assured it is something we are already thinking about as we want children to feel as ready and as prepared as they possibly can to return to school and return to a new year group in September.

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. Our ethos will still be the same, but unfortunately the school will look very different in order to keep our children and staff safe.

We would now ask that you complete the following survey to let us know whether you intend for your child to attend school after May half-term.

[SURVEY FOR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 6](#)

This survey asks for your child's name to enable us to plan exactly who will be returning and how many from each year group. Please complete twice if you have twins or for children in different year groups. It shouldn't take more than a couple of minutes to complete. We require all families to respond to the survey by **Wednesday 20th May at 3pm**. You will receive a call on Thursday or Friday of this week if you haven't completed the survey so that we can check if you will be sending your child back to school after May half-term.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,

Miss Manson

Miss Mawson
Headteacher