



The Federation of the Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth Achieving Together for a Brighter Future

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks for the kind words posted after the release of our new number 1 single! I know the staff team thoroughly enjoyed making it and it was a lovely way to reconnect with our families. We have missed you all greatly. If you have not yet seen the single, please follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=866291880513511>

As you know, on Sunday 10th of May, Boris Johnson announced that he hopes for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to potentially come back to school from the 1st of June at the earliest, provided the 5 tests have been met. These are:

1. Protection of the NHS's ability to cope and continue to provide critical care and specialist treatment
2. The daily death rates from coronavirus are coming down
3. Reliable data that shows the rate of infection is decreasing to manageable levels
4. Confidence that testing capacity and PPE is being managed, with supply able to meet demand
5. Confident that any changes that are made will not risk a second peak of infections

As a staff team, we have been looking at the ways we could safely offer provision in our schools. The Government has made it clear that they will not be enforcing fines on parents for the Summer term should they choose to not send their children to school. Please rest assured that as a family, you need to make the right decision for you, school will not influence you either way. Our main priority is to ensure that children and staff are safe when in school and we will be considering our next steps with this at the forefront of our minds. It is important to recognise that provision will look different in schools depending on their individual circumstances, staffing arrangements and lay out of the building.

Should the decision be taken to open schools from the 1st June, we are looking to return education to both sites. This will also enable us to continue the essential care of our key worker and vulnerable children. If your child is not in Year R, 1 or 6 but will need care due to your work commitments as a key worker or are classed as vulnerable, please can you email sbm@federationshalfleetyarmouth.co.uk with your requirements.

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If you are a parent in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, it would greatly support us if you would be so kind as to complete the attached questionnaire (see the link below) by Wednesday 20th May 2020.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFJw_DdGqdl_xkTPGxnWEIx8jJaeKJNEp_conLu-ebinXszQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

This will give us the information we need to plan for safe opening of our schools. Once we have this information and robust plans in place, we will update you as soon as we know when our schools will be reopening and will be writing to you with our detailed plans.

Yours sincerely

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