

All Saints CEVA Primary School & Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you of the next steps following the flood at All Saints which significantly affected the whole ground floor of the building.

I have worked with Tony Kidd our Health and Safety advisor to establish the safety of the building to ensure that it is safe for the children in Years 2 to 6 to return to their classrooms which were not damaged by water. We have had a considerable number of drying machines and dehumidifiers within the building to help mitigate the strong smell that permeated throughout the building. On his advice I have had a temporary partition erected which blocks access to the downstairs completely so the damaged area is completely isolated from the rest of the school. With these in place I am delighted to inform you that the children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will return to school on Thursday 3rd September following the plan set out before the summer. In accordance with our arrangements for Covid 19 the areas that are going to be in use will be thoroughly cleaned before the children arrive.

On Tuesday 1st September I am taking delivery of a bank of mobile toilets which will be used by the Year 5 and 6 children as there are only a sufficient number of toilets available which will be designated to the younger children. These toilets will be placed on the back playground and set up in a Covid secure way. They are of the highest standard possible with heating etc. without these we would not be able to welcome all 150 children to site.

On the first two days (Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th) the children will arrive at these times to their own entry points. This will allow us to welcome the children back in a calm way so they can be reassured. It is important that you try to stick to the timings and socially distance whilst you wait for the doors to open by the teachers to welcome the children.

Year 2 Mr Wintle	8.45	Through the front gate at the entrance and in the side door to the classroom
Year 3 Mrs Moss	8.55	Through the front gate at the entrance and then through the front door of the building
Year 4 Mrs Dady	9.10	Through the front gate at the entrance and then through the front door of the building
Year 5 Mr Hunter	9.05	Through the fire door of the street in Castle street
Year 6 Miss Smith	9.05	Through the front gate, down the ramp onto the back playground and up the fire escape into the classroom.

The end of the school day is 3.15 pm for all children. We have requested from the council the use of Castle Fields for this and each class will be walked to the park by their class teacher and collection will take place from there. Each class will be in the same designated spot each day and have a different coloured umbrella

so you can easily identify your child's class. This will enable you to collect all siblings together quickly in a socially distancing environment.

Everything else regarding our Covid arrangements set out before the summer applies to these children with the exception of the expectations that adults wear a face covering on the drop off and collection times.

Our Nursery children will also start as previously stated on Monday 7th September with their staggered start days and Mrs Pacan will phone all of you to check that you are aware of this time and of the arrangements. Working with All Saints Church I have been able to secure the Church hall which will be the Nursery base in the morning and will allow us to have Physical Education lessons during the afternoon.

With regards to Reception and Year 1 children I am currently working on the final stages of the plan for a double mobile with toilets to be placed on the back playground which will house those children. This will be furnished and equipped as well as possible bearing in mind all of the damage that occurred in these rooms. It is a lengthy process acquiring the buildings, getting these to site, ensuring that all utilities are in place and planning permission plus ensuring that everything is Covid -19 secure, to name a few but I strongly believe they will be ready for the children by Monday 14th September.

I completely understand that this delay to the start of term for Reception and Year 1 children will cause some of you organisational challenges and also upset for the children that they will miss 7 days of school. In light of this and to help support you we would like to invite you and your child to the church hall on Friday 4th September, the timings of this will follow. This will enable you and your child to meet the class teacher and to receive a project to work on the following week which will then be shared on the Monday 14th September. Both Mrs Steventon and Mrs Pearle will phone you to ensure that you are fully aware of these arrangements and to set a time for the visit to the church hall.

With regards to the flood damage we are awaiting the final report from the loss adjustor with costs spiralling to over £360,000 currently. The length of time we will be operating in this way is still unclear and until all of the floors on the ground floor can be lifted I can only go with the experts who believe in the region of 6 months.

Despite the challenges ahead I am delighted that I can share these arrangement with you. At one point at the start of last week I thought that the whole school would be closed to all children for a considerable amount of time and the All Saints family would be separated across a variety of sites across Wellingborough.

I would like to thank my Governing Board in particular Sam Barber for her help and support during this time and again than you to all of you for your lovely messages and offers of support. They are all very much appreciated.

If you are a parent of a Nursery, Reception or Year 1 child you will receive a phone call from the teacher before Friday 4th September, the whole school will receive an update from me before Thursday 3rd September so to ensure that you are all clear of the starting back to school arrangements and an update on the school situation.

Kind regards and best wishes,



Emma Johnson Head Teacher



Sam Barber Chair of Governors