



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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To: All Parents and Carers
St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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Dear families of St Jérôme School,

Possible reopening of schools to more pupils in June

We know that you will have seen in the news that schools may reopen on 1 June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils **if** the government thinks it's safe then.

We're now waiting for further guidance and clarification from the government, which will hopefully help us create an action plan for our phased reopening. Each school has unique challenges that relate to its staff team, site and location. We are working extremely closely with our neighbouring schools in Harrow and Harrow Council and the London Diocesan Board for Schools. We'll share this with you as soon as possible so you know what our school's reopening will look like in practice.

It's a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive these year groups if it's safe for our school to reopen in the coming weeks. School is likely to be very different for children for many weeks to come and we will support you in preparing them for their return to school.

However, we're also not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school, since you know your children and personal situation best. We'll keep you updated with all our preparations for making sure the school is as safe as possible, so you can make an informed decision.

In the meantime, the school is still open **only** for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. We know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children until we receive further government guidance.

We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child(ren) learn from home. We'll need to keep going with this for a while yet, so please do continue to do what you can and stay in touch with us about how your child is doing.

Thank you to the parents who are sharing your home learning with us and who have responded to our questionnaire. Your responses are helpful to develop our plans for home learning as we balance this with preparing to reopen the school.

Home learning

Our website contains learning activities prepared by class teachers and also links to online learning and teaching materials. We appreciate that each family will be managing this in their own way, according to their own circumstances. Please do continue to send your child's work to us so that we can continue to respond to the children with comments and feedback. This also helps us to plan future home learning.

We would like to stress that children do not need to complete every activity that has been set. Please do keep any of your child's home learning to bring back to school on our return so that they can enjoy sharing it with their friends and teachers.



We would like to wish Jemima, Nicole, Ayden, Mateusz, Robert, Zuzanna and Evangeline a very happy birthday for this coming week

We miss you and your children and look forward to being reunited as soon as it is safe to do so. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you need any help. With every blessing for the coming week.



Revd. Daniel Norris

Executive Headteacher