



# Worksop Priory C of E Primary Academy

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## RE: Start of the Academic Year

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that you have been able to find some time to make some enjoyable memories over the summer. It has been a strange and difficult time for us all, but we are looking forward to returning to school in September.

At the end of July, I promised to write to you with details of any changes to our plan for the return of pupils to school in September. You might recall that we set those initial ideas out in the Back to School Plan which we sent out in July. There are currently only very minor changes to that plan and therefore, as it stands, we will still be opening the school to all pupils from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September as planned.

I know some parents and carers will be concerned about the safety and wellbeing of their children when school does return. The government yesterday released some study findings and a joint statement from the Chief Medical Officers across the UK which point to the very low risks involved for children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-from-the-uk-chief-medical-officers-on-schools-and-childcare-reopening>

This will be of some comfort, but may not ease all of your concerns. Coupled with the range of approaches and policies we have in place in the school building, you should rest assured that, whilst there is (and will continue to be) some risk, that risk is extremely low indeed. It is worth pointing out that we are not aware of a single case of Coronavirus in a child attending Priory Academy between March and the end of the academic year and we would hope that this is a pattern that can continue in September.

Later in the week, I will be sending an updated Back to School Plan to all parents and publishing it on the school website. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with us via the school email address, [office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk](mailto:office@worksoppriory.snmat.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Phil Abbott  
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