

Parents of Reception Class, Nursey and Year 1 Children

Tuesday 19th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

You will have no doubt heard the government announcement that schools could possibly begin to open for certain year groups from the 1st June?

At Stockwell, we are in the process of assessing all the risks that opening the school to more staff and pupils would bring. It is a serious matter. We want to do a proper job of it.

At the moment we intend to explore the possibility of initially opening for the Reception children. Parents are being called, by class teachers, to find out their views. Every day, senior staff at Stockwell Academy discuss the developing plans, and risk assessments to see what opening these classes will 'look like'. It will take time to get a solution that will allow us to open these classes.

As a set of parents/carers, I intend to keep you fully informed of our plans and solutions. The next set of classes to consider opening, after Reception class, will be Year 1. This will be after the Reception class children that return, start school again and are settled. Once these classes have been established, we will look to see if opening the Nursery class is viable.

In the coming days teachers will be contacting Year 1 parents/carers by phone, to gather your thoughts about sending your children back to school during this world - wide Covid 19 pandemic.

Logistics play a large part in our planning and the Early Years Foundation Stage Unit will have to undergo some very drastic reorganising. These are incredibly uncertain times and I applaud your patience, during this difficult period.

One thing I do know though is that when children return to class after the 1st June, it will not be to the Early Years 'set up' or the Year 1 classes, that any of us remember. This is due to the strict risk assessments that we must put in place and adhere to.

These risk assessments will be put in place to keep your children, our staff and you and your wider families safe.

I intend to write to you again shortly with an update of our plans to reopen classes.

Take care and keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C J Coulter