



## **Comper** Foundation Stage School

**22 June 2020**

Dear parents/carers,

Here we are, nearing the end of June and less than four weeks left of the school year! I hope you and your family are safe and well. Again, we thank you for your generosity of spirit and continuing support.

Here are the most recent batch of frequently asked questions, with answers:

### **What provision is there for the Reception children?**

- Comper has been open for Reception children since 1 June
- Mangoes on Mondays & Tuesdays: all day, including free lunch & healthy snacks
- Strawberries on Thursdays & Fridays: all day, including free lunch etc
- School closed for deep clean every Wednesday
- Continuing unchanged until final week of sessions- week commencing 13 July.

### **What provision is there for a limited opening for children of Nursery age?**

- Since 22 June, we have admitted some children of nursery age, including a limited number of children of Key Workers and/or with other needs
- We can only have a single 'hub' of eleven children in the one available room (Banana) at any one time to satisfy the stringent requirements and other guidance



*Welcome to the new, nursery entrance*

## **How is it going?**

- We think it is going well for the children and the staff. They seem happy to be here.
- Understandably we are all a bit nervous (and excited); hard work, but rewarding
- No apparent problems and our parents (you) seem happy with things- do let us know either way!

## **Do you have plans to extend the provision before the end of term?**

- No plans to extend any of the current provision, including Day Care (Apple); staff currently furloughed
- No plans to open for Breakfast, After School Club or Summer Holiday provision

## **Why isn't Day Care open to any children yet?**

- We can only open at all during the Covid-19 pandemic if we assess the provision as being safe for children, staff and others
- Our careful risk assessments take account of national requirements, local guidance and our knowledge of Comper.
- *The risk assessments support the partial opening of our provision, but not yet that for the youngest children.*

## **Do you plan to open in September?**

- *We cannot be sure, but are planning to be fully open from the start of term in September (with the usual induction period) for a new intake of children.*
- We expect 60 new children in Reception (over 30 from our Nursery)
- We are filling up in Nursery and Day Care, but still have places.... apply now so as not to miss out.
- *Applications taken will be regarded as 'provisional,' given the still uncertain COVID-19 situation*

## **What transition plans are there for children leaving reception and going to Year 1 at SS Mary & John (SMJ)?**

- Usual transition programme is being adapted by staff at SMJ with the support of our teachers; more information to follow in near future, including an invitation to a small group meeting
- We are finalising plans to introduce the children to their new class in the safest and most helpful way possible, and will soon let you know.

**And for children moving into our Nursery and/or Day Care in September?**

**Is there anything we can do to help the school?**

- We have already had lots of offers of help; thank-you.
- We would love items for our gardens- how about little watering cans, plants, seeds, compost etc
- Continue to keep in touch, let us have your questions & ideas, and let us know if we can help

*Thanks & best wishes*

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*Time to dig over and start again in the old allotment*

# CORONAVIRUS

## Fact sheet for kids



### WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

A coronavirus is a type of virus. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus, which means no-one has caught it before and our bodies are not immune (protected) from it yet. It spreads very quickly and is making a lot of people poorly at the moment.

### HOW DOES A VIRUS WORK?



### WHY IS CORONAVIRUS DANGEROUS?

If the virus gets into the cells in our lungs, it can stop the cells from doing their job, which is to help us breathe.



### WHO CAN CATCH IT?



Children can catch the virus just as easily as adults, but it doesn't make them as poorly.

Adults who are already poorly and elderly people are the most affected, but most people can get better from it.

### HOW CAN WE PROTECT OURSELVES?

The virus can spread very easily and we carry it and pass it onto others even if we don't feel poorly ourselves.

There are 2 important things we can do to protect ourselves, our friends and our family.



#### WASH YOUR HANDS

Washing your hands with soap and water helps get rid of the virus. This will prevent the virus from getting into our bodies and spreading to other people. Let's all remind one another to wash our hands!



#### AVOID OTHER PEOPLE

To stop the virus spreading, we need to keep away from other people and stay at home for a time. But don't worry - life will go back to normal!

### HOW ARE SCIENTISTS TRYING TO KEEP US SAFE?

Scientists are working hard to find a Coronavirus vaccine. A vaccine can help protect the body from being infected.



### REMEMBER

IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW CATCHES CORONAVIRUS.