



PRIMARY 1 RE-OPENING **PLANS**

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ISSUE UPDATED GUIDANCE.*

Guidance correct at 23rd July 2020

Given the most recent guidance from the Department, we will **be unable to open school at full capacity in the new school year.** The current restriction of distancing children 1m from each other and 2m from the class teacher means that we will only be able to return most of our classes on a part-time basis for face-to-face teaching, with home/remote learning taking place for the rest of the week.

This is not ideal! All staff at VPS want the children back in school full time, however, we must work within the guidance given to us from the Department of Education.

UPDATED INFORMATION AS OF 23RD JULY 2020

- Children will attend school, in their coloured groups, on either a Monday and Tuesday **OR** Thursday and Friday for the first two weeks of term, starting on Monday 31st August 2020. Further information about school timetable after the first 2 weeks will be given to parents at the information evening on Tuesday 25th August at 7pm.
- If you have received a QR code for SeeSaw please ensure you have logged on. Our P1 teachers will be starting to send home welcome videos etc in the coming weeks so it is important that you don't miss out.

The following pages gives you more details about how we will operate a return.

INFORMATION FOR PUPILS GOING INTO PRIMARY 1

- The information evening for P1 parents on Tuesday 25th August, 7pm-8pm, will still be going ahead. In order to distance within our school hall, please ensure that children do not attend and that only 1 adult from each family attends. More detailed information about starting times etc will be given at this meeting in relation to P1.
- Due to the Department of Education requesting that schools ensure children remain 1m apart when at school, we are unable to bring all children back on a full time basis, initially. Children will be split into 2 groups: **YELLOW GROUP** and **GREEN GROUP**. **THIS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY 31ST AUGUST.**
- **YELLOW GROUP** will attend school on Monday and Tuesday (9.15am – 11.45am) and work from home on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- **GREEN GROUP** will work from home on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and will attend school on a Thursday and Friday (9.15am – 11.45am).
 - A member of school staff will contact you to let you know what coloured group your child is in. This will take place, via text message, during July.
 - We will ensure that siblings attend school on the same days.
 - P1 children will come into school and exit school via the P1 entrance. There will be members of staff on the playground to give directions.
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I'm really sorry for bombarding you with so much information. I wanted to make sure that you had as much information as possible before the start of the Summer break.

If you have any questions about our restart, please continue to use SLIDO and the event code VictoriaFAQ during the summer holiday period and I will get back to you as soon as I can.