



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

'Living and Learning in Faith'

23rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reopening of School: 8th March 2021

I hope you and your families continue to keep well. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding over recent weeks and months – we do appreciate it.

From 8th March, school reopens for all children. **School attendance is mandatory and all children are expected to return to school.**

The health and safety of your children and our staff is, and will remain, my number one priority. Following the announcement by the Government yesterday, we are busy updating our risk assessments to ensure that school can reopen safely for all children and staff.

We will be continuing to be proactive with Prevention Controls:

1. Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have somebody in their household who does, do not attend school.
2. Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.
3. Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. Continuing with enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
5. Minimise contact between individuals and **maintain social distancing wherever possible.**
6. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
7. Where necessary, wear appropriate PPE.
8. Engaging in asymptomatic testing for school staff.
9. Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process.

This means that we will be reverting back to the arrangements that were in place in the Autumn Term. Children will be in 'Year Group Bubbles' and will be kept apart from other groups wherever possible. Therefore, each Year Group will have its own start and finish times, as well as separate break and lunchtimes. To assist us in the smooth implementation of these measures, please ensure you know the arrangements for your child's bubble.

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start	8:55	8:50	8:45	9:00	8:55	8:50	8:45
Finish	3:25	3:20	3:15	3:30	3:25	3:20	3:15



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Year 5 will have PE on a Friday until they are able to resume their swimming lessons at Grand Central Pool. We will notify you of this date once we have received it.

Water bottles have been kept in school to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. They are washed daily by school staff and refilled ready for the following day.

Children who are eligible for a Free School Meal will be provided with their lunch. This includes all Infant children, as they are entitled to receive a Universal Free School Meal. **If you wish to purchase a School Meal, these must be ordered and pre-paid at least one week in advance.** The cost of a school meal is £2.15 per day, £10.75 per week.

Children must attend in school uniform. Ideally, children should wear clean clothes every day to reduce the chance of the virus spreading. I appreciate that this isn't always possible, so please take reasonable endeavours to ensure you do what you can to mitigate this risk.

Any children showing any signs of Covid-19 **must** be collected immediately. Dependent on the outcome of any test, it may then be that the rest of the 'bubble' needs to isolate for 10 days.

Please note, these arrangements are based on current Government guidance (22nd February 2021) and are therefore subject to change following any updates that may be issued.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back in two weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.
Take care and keep safe.
With very best wishes,

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