



St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy



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*"We are learning and growing together as God's family.
We will always do our best to love and respect each other as we prepare for our future".*

4th January 2021

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that we are offering your child a space in school as requested.

School is open from 8.40am – 3.15pm daily.

Pupils in school will be supervised by support staff whilst the teachers conduct remote learning. Your child will be able to access the class teacher's whole class zoom meetings and will undertake the work set by the class teacher in school.

Currently at school we are operating within government guidelines that will help limit the risk of coronavirus transmitting within our setting, for safety in our school community which are outlined below.

The steps we are taking include:

- If anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, **not** to attend school. If someone in the household or the child is awaiting test results, they must **not** attend school.
- Washing our hands more often than usual.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day.
- Asking parents to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to **one** parent per household.
- All parents **MUST** wear a mask whilst on school grounds

Please read the following information carefully.

1. Supervision will be in year group "bubbles":

- Children will be in small groups with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting. There will be strictly no mixing of groups
- Do not arrive on site too early as waiting and gathering is to be avoided
- There are **no soft starts**, so please ensure your child arrives at the time stated **8.40AM**

2. Uniform:

- Children are expected to be in full school uniform
- Due to the fact that we are following guidelines to ensure ventilation, you may want to ensure your child has an extra fleece or jumper to wear. This should be dark coloured – navy or black. Or an alternative wear an additional layer of underclothing.
- Children are expected to have their own equipment in a clear labelled plastic pencil case as last term

3. Drop off & Collection:

- Only 1 parent is permitted to do this task, in order to reduce the number of people on the school site
- Parents are asked not to enter school. Most queries can be dealt with on the telephone or e mail to the office.
- There is now a school post box outside at the front door
- Parents must not gather in groups in the school car park and keep to the rules of social distancing
- Parents are encouraged to walk to school where possible. The car park will be closed at all times.

4. Lunch:

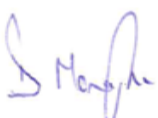
- Hot meals at lunchtime are being provided as normal or if your child has a packed lunch, they bring their own lunch
- Pupils must bring in their own water bottle to school

5. Other:

- We still recommend that pupils should have their own pack of individual tissues and hand sanitiser is optional.
- Parents must speak to their children about the extra importance of hygiene at this time (e.g. Catch it bin it kill it) and social distancing
- There will be NO golden time and children should not bring in any toys from home to school
- Children are not required to wear masks or gloves.

I am aware that this is a comprehensive list of instructions. I am reassured of your support in advance, as we work together in harmony. If we need to know anything regarding how Covid-19 may have affected your family in an adverse way, please let us know so we can support your child individually.

Yours sincerely



MRS D MONAGHAN
(Headteacher)