



St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents,

Re: Phased Re-Opening of school from 1st June 2020

The school will re-open in the month of June for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This will be in a measured phased approach and a separate letter with key arrangements will be sent to the parents of these year groups. The school will continue to open, as it has been, for critical care and key worker children.

As a school we have established the following core principles to guide our decision making regarding expanded provision.

Core Principles	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep pupils safe and support well-being • Keep staff safe and support well-being • Keep the community safe and play our part in reducing transmission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate in a spirit of humility, challenge and support • Learn from other schools and professions • Clear, transparent communication with all members of the community

The Governors of St. George's met to consider the risk assessment set out to plan for this.

Key factors in the risk assessment considered were:

- Safety of staff and pupils
- Testing, managing symptoms and clear procedures for self-isolating
- Organisation of teaching spaces and class sizes to enable social distancing
- Availability of staff and the structure of the school day
- High expectations for cleaning and hygiene
- Continued regular cleaning of areas used and key contact points
- Children to attend in smaller groups on different days
- Staggered start and end times of the day
- Maximise the use of outdoor space

We know that the re-opening of primary schools is conditional on the government's review of the "R" rate of Covid- 19. However, should it happen, we have been preparing with due diligence and our duty of care for pupils and staff at the forefront, and the paramount priority of the safety of our school community. We can mitigate risks and take reasonable precautions to protect our staff and children.

Throughout this period, the staff should be commended for their resilience and ability to adapt to an ever changing situation. This alongside your support, will help us all work together to get through this time.

Home learning will still continue for the children and your hard work is highly valued.

Arrangements for Phase 1: June 2020

It is important that parents use this information and their own personal circumstances to make a decision as to whether or not they send their child into school. Parents will not be penalised or fined for their child's non-attendance.

To make your decision please be aware of the following outline arrangements:

- Year groups will return in a phased manner.
 - Nursery and Year 6 pupils will return from Tuesday 2nd June. *Please note that Monday 1st June is an Inset Day as per the school's 2019-2020 calendar.*
 - Year 1 pupils will return on the week beginning Monday 8th June.
 - Reception pupils will return on the week beginning Monday 15th June.

- Pupils will be allocated alphabetically to a group of up to 15 pupils from their year group.
- In this group they will attend school two days per week. The days will be allocated and are not able to be parental choice or preference. The two days will remain the same each week.
- They will be in the same group all day and will not mix with other pupils during the day. To minimise the risk of infection, groups will not mix and there will be no fluidity of movement within groups once the numbers in the group has been set.
- Each group will have an allocated adult. This will be either a teacher or a teaching assistant.
- Start and finish times will be staggered so that social distancing can be observed safely. There will be further detailed guidance on times and procedures for dropping off and collection. The times for the Key Worker group will remain the same 8.30am – 3.30pm. Nursery will run from 8.15am – 4.00pm.
- There will be no Breakfast or After School Club provision available.
- Hot lunches will not be available. Cold lunches (packed lunch style) will be available.
- Home Learning will continue to be provided for all year groups.

Important information for Key Worker parents:

Please be aware that if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Six you will have two options:

- To send your child in on the two days that are allocated for their year group and they will be in a group with other pupils from their year group. They will not be able to attend school on any other days.

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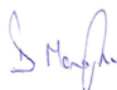
- To continue to have the flexibility of choosing which/how many days they are in school but they remain within the Key Worker group.

This is because it is important to reduce contact between people as much as possible, so pupils will only be able to mix in one group.

Letting us know so that we can prepare the school and staff:

ALL Year 6, Year 1 and Reception parents are asked to complete the attached Ping Form by 3.00pm on Monday 25th May. There will be a separate letter to Nursery parents.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs Deirdre Monaghan - Headteacher
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