



## 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".*

16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents,

### **Re: Arrangements for full school opening September 2020**

We are looking forward to welcoming the whole school community back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It is long awaited!

Attendance for children at school from September is mandatory and the usual rules for attendance will apply. Staff have been working hard on our plan to bring us back safely with our first priority at the forefront as always - the safety of everyone in the school community. The current school risk assessment is being updated and this will be posted on the website for you to view.

Before I set out these arrangements, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your understanding and co-operation since school closure, to the majority of children, in March.

We will be implementing a number of new ways of operating and the structure of the school day will be staggered to ensure social distancing. We cannot have lots of people waiting in the school carpark, due to safety. Therefore, you are asked to arrive no more than 5 minutes before your child's start and finish time and to leave promptly. These are the start and finish times for specific year groups and must be adhered to - excellent punctuality is expected.

	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8:50	2:55
Year 1	9:00	3:25
Year 2	8:30	3:00
Year 3	8:30	3:05
Year 4	8:40	3:15
Year 5	8:40	3:15
Year 6	8:50	3:25

### **How will the children be grouped?**

Each year will form a 'bubble' group. We plan to stagger drop-off times, breaks, lunches and collection times to reduce these bubbles mixing - wherever possible.

- Children will be in small groups with as much consistent staffing as possible, and minimising contact with other groups around the setting.
- Children will only play in their groups in zoned areas in the playground.

- Children will only eat in their groups either in the hall or the classroom.

#### **Drop off & Collection:**

- Only 1 parent is permitted to do this task at a time, in order to reduce the number of people on the school site.
- There will be allocated gates and an entry and exit system in and out of the school grounds to minimise criss-crossing of groups which parents and children are expected to adhere to.
- Parents are asked not to enter school. Most queries can be dealt with on the telephone or e-mail to the office.
- 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.

#### **System controls to ensure good hygiene**

- Pupils will be asked to wash their hands (for at least 20 seconds) throughout the day (or to use hand sanitizer gel where this is not possible). This will include before entering the school building, after break, before lunch, after lunch and at the end of the day.
- Ensuring that our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

#### **Uniform:**

- The usual rules for uniform will apply.
- All pupils need to come into school wearing their school uniform. Summer uniform is permitted up until October half term.

#### **All children in school will need the following equipment: (see school newsletter 17/7/20 notice for "What's in my pencil case?" for different age groups)**

- A named refillable water bottle.
- Individual pack of tissues and small bottle of hand sanitizer.
- Individual pencil case which will stay at school.
- Red book bag (Reception, KS1 & YEAR 3) / small rucksack (YEAR 4 - 6).
- Lunchbox if having packed lunch.

#### **What are we unable to provide next half term:**

- Sports Clubs from outside providers.
- Educational trips outside school.
- There will be no mass gatherings including assemblies.

#### **Breakfast Club & After School Club:**

We hope to have these facilities up and running in the middle of September. They will not be available at the very beginning of term.

A copy of the Home/School Agreement relating to Covid -19 will be sent to all parents via PING, and must be read and ticked to show that you are in agreement with the expected procedures in school. If you have already signed and your child has been at school, you must do it again.

It is imperative that you log onto SCHOOL PING as this is our main form of communication with you and you will be receiving important information via this medium over the summer. Please contact the school office if you require support with PING.

Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to being able to welcome your child back to school in September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Miss Ahern or the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Monaghan', written in a cursive style.

Mrs D Monaghan

Headteacher