

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Planned reopening of schools to all pupils Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

As you are aware the government have now announced the return of all primary-aged pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school and reuniting our SS John and Monica family

The measures that the school put in place back in September for a whole school return will continue. This will include:

- **Minimising the risk of transmission by:**

- Ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school and when they return from breaks and supervise hand sanitiser use,
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach.
- Continue with enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often
- Each class bubble being allocated a class toilet
- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- Very frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens will not be shared

- **Keeping children in class 'Bubbles' and distanced by:**

- Staggering school start and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school
- Staggering break times and lunchtimes and keeping movement around the school site to a minimum.
- Re-organising classroom seating to include pupils facing forward where possible
- Avoiding large gatherings by postponing assemblies and Mass for more than one group
- Teachers to stay in front of the class and all adults in school to maintain a 1m plus distance from each other

### **Response to any infection by:**

- Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process
- Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- Containing any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

**In additional to the above, please note the following:**

- **School staff will continue to self-administer Lateral Flow tests on a twice weekly basis**
- **Although government guidelines state that face coverings/masks are only required to be worn by all secondary-aged pupils in lessons; we are encouraging any KS2 pupils to wear a mask should they so wish to do so. This will be optional, but will support the protection of both pupils and staff (the vast majority of which will not have received the vaccine). Children will lower/remove masks when answering questions, during PE, when eating and outside at playtime.**

### Organisation

The following staggered drop off and collection times will be in place:

### Arrival and Collection Times

<b>Class</b>	<b>Arrival time/location</b>	<b>Collection time/location</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>9.00am</b> Rec classroom (via KS2 playground)	<b>2.45pm</b> Rec classroom (via KS2 playground)
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>8.55am</b> (Y1 Door)	<b>3.05pm</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>8.45am</b> (Y1 Door)	<b>2.55pm</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>9.05am</b> (Hall Door)	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>9.05am</b> (Y1 Door)	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>8.55am</b> (Hall Door)	<b>3.05pm</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>8.45am</b> (Hall Door)	<b>2.55pm</b>

- It is very important that times are adhered to ensure the safety of our school community. Do not come too early. Late comers will have to wait until a member of staff is free and can come to collect them from the front of the school
- KS2 pupils will be asked to come into school without an adult each morning
- We will be operating a one-way system for all parents entering through the carpark and exiting via Reception path. Staff will be on hand to direct you
- All classes to be dismissed from the KS1 playground (apart from Reception class who will be dismissed from their classroom)
- When queuing to collect your child please adhere to 1 metre + social distancing. Please make sure that only 1 adult drops/collects their child/ren each day

## Other important things to note

- Children will be limited to bringing in coats, lunch boxes and reading book/diaries into school only
- School uniform policy must be followed. For PE days your children may wear their PE uniform. (See separate letter regarding Forest School)
- School lunches will be available from 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Usual rules on attendance will apply including parents' duty to secure that their child attends, schools' responsibilities to record attendance and absence and the issue of sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.
- Breakfast Club will be available from 8<sup>th</sup> March
- After School Clubs will not be available at this time

## Curriculum

**Our priority on children's return will be supporting the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement.** The curriculum for the summer term will be prioritised, where there is most need. Reading, English and Math's will be at the heart of these priorities, along with a wider curriculum, covering all foundation subjects.

Please note any protocols are in line with government guidelines and are subject to change. For further information regarding school opening go to:

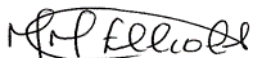
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[What parents need to know about schools during the Coronavirus](#)

The risk assessment and school protocols will be reviewed regularly reviewed. Our priority is to keep all children and staff safe with a full return to school. We will continue to keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher