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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Further Re-Opening Reception, Y1, Y6 and Critical Worker Children

This week saw the return of more Critical Worker children and Vulnerable family children. Again, it is really wonderful to welcome children, whom we haven't seen for so long, back to school. With the Government's announcement that social distancing measures are set to be reduced to 1 metre plus, we still await further guidance about how this will impact schools where it is not possible to accommodate 30 pupils per class and keep social distancing of one metre plus. The government have announced that they plan is for all children to return in September and we certainly hope this to be the case. We await further guidelines regarding September induction for our new Reception pupils and transition to new classes for our current children.

Attendance

To clarify, if your child is in Rec/Y1/Y6 and has returned to school they should attend on a daily basis. If you chose to keep your child at home for convenience on one of these days, it will be marked as unauthorised. If you are a critical worker, you must ensure that your child comes to school on the days you have signed up for. Again, if you chose to keep your child off on one of these days for convenience, it will be classed as unauthorised. Please be aware and mindful that if you have signed up for your child to attend school and you do not send them, you are taking a place of another family who may be in need. Thank you for your co-operation in the matter.

New Reception Class Induction

Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Riches and Mrs. Hodges have made a short welcome video for our new Reception parents and children. Please visit the following link to access this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwrmRxWN5cw&feature=youtu.be>

Parenting Covid-19

Attached to this email is some useful information and top tips regarding parenting for ages 0-12 and teenagers during Covid-19.

Online Safety

Please find a link here, regarding online safety and not becoming a 'Screen Zombie'

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/screen-zombie>

Black Lives Matter

Love For All: A Christian Reflection on Black Lives Matter for Children

We have uploaded to our website <https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/school-life/recent-letters> an assembly power point and notes which reflect on the importance of this subject with children. This assembly resource is produced in response to the 2020 'Black Lives Matter' movement following the killing of George Floyd in the USA on 25th May. It helps children to make sense of recent events and understand it in a Christian context.

The underlying message of the assembly is that Jesus talked to, ate with and visited everyone regardless of their background or how society viewed them – and He wants to offer that same love, kindness and respect to others. Sometimes, however, people are treated differently because of the colour of their skin or the culture they come from: this is racism. This helps children to make sense of racism. It explores how, Jesus's reminds us how to extend love, kindness and respect to everyone.

We will be covering the assembly in school with our groups.

Catholic News

- We are delighted to hear in the news that Collective Worship may now take place from July 4. Please read Cardinal Vincent's response to this <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinals-statement-on-resumption-of-collective-acts-of-worship/>. As you can imagine, each Diocese is awaiting guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales as to what this will look like within the reality of social distancing. We will keep you posted on updates
- Please follow the link for the Wednesday Word: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>
- **Bishops' Statement on Racial Justice:** please follow the link www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/bishops-statement-on-racial-justice to see the Bishops' statement on Racial Justice in response to recent events.

Government Parent Updates:

The government have updated some key documents for parents regarding home education and online educational resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources#history>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/home-education-tips-for-parents>

Covid-19 Guidance

The government's guidance on symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are follows:

a new continuous cough

a high temperature

a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone has any of the symptoms above, they should [self-isolate at home](#). The government has also announced that anyone with symptoms of coronavirus is now eligible to book a test, ahead of the rollout of the test and trace service. A coronavirus test can be booked here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Pastoral Care

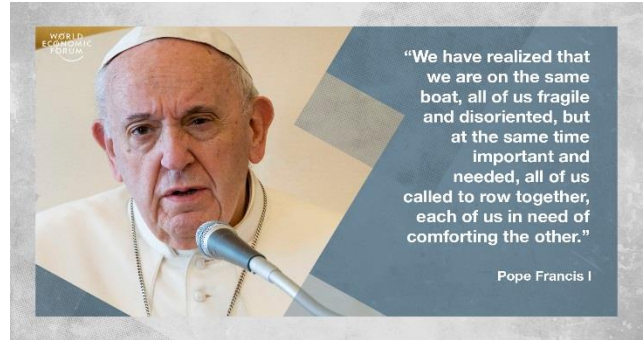
Despite the challenging circumstances, we are still trying, as best as we can, to provide pastoral care for families. Parents are encouraged to keep us informed about any concerns or adverse family experiences. Contact the school office via the contact details on the letterhead if you wish to speak to a particular teacher or member of senior leadership.

The staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School continue to keep all our children and their families in our prayers.

God Bless,



Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher



If a child is in immediate danger of significant harm a call should be made to CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you encounter a dangerous or unsafe situation, please contact the police.

'At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other'