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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families continue to keep safe and stay well.

You should have by now received a letter regarding the wider opening of school to all pupils in September. Please keep this information safe, especially the **staggered drop off/collection times for each class**. Please **return the Home/School Covid-19 Agreement** to school either as a hard copy or electronically to: enquiries@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk

Please Note:

Unfortunately, we are not in the position to make separate arrangements for siblings who are scheduled to arrive at different times. Siblings will be able to enter the school site when parents are dropping off another child, but will not be allowed to enter the school building until it is their allocated time to do so. Equally parents will not be able to collect siblings together if their time allocations are different. We recognise the inconvenience of this and can only apologise, but we are having to follow strict government guidelines. If you are having to wait in between to drop off siblings, we suggest that you either go for a short walk, sit in your car or wait in the vicinity (but not near) the school entrance.

Personal Possessions

- Year 6 parents/carers should have received an email regarding the collection of personal possessions. There will be an opportunity for parents to collect these and some exercise books between the hours of 10.00am-2.00pm on Monday 13th July. (Please note that this will be the only day that these will be available.). Possessions will be in named bags and available from the front of the school. Please remember to return all reading books so that these can be passed on to next year's pupils.
- Unfortunately, due to our current health and safety restrictions regarding visitors to school, we are unable to facilitate parents collecting children's personal belongings including P.E kit from any other year band. Please do not worry, these will be kept safely until September, at which point they can be taken home to be washed. The P.E curriculum will not start until week 2.

Reading Diaries

You should have received an email regarding reading books and diaries which were sent home before school closure. Please, keep these safe over the summer holidays and return them to school in September. If not, our school will be very short of reading scheme books to give out in September.

Government Updates for Parents

- **Oak Academy:** This is government backed, free and is easy to use on any device, with no logins
- You can continue to access all lessons to date over the summer if you want to catch up with anything you have missed
- Lessons cover a wide range of subjects and there is a specialist sector with lessons for pupils with special educational needs
- To access lessons go to: <https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils>
- Updated online educational resources for over the summer period if parents/cares wish to access <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>
- For Government guidance to parents/carers for the Autumn term click [Here](#)
- Public Health England Information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>
- **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/>

Catholic News

- Now that many Catholic churches can reopen with certain restrictions, our parishes need help. To facilitate masses taking place, our parish priests need a lot of volunteers to help. If you can help in any capacity, please contact your Parish Office.
- Please follow the link for the Wednesday Word: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>
- Please find the Assembly for the week beginning 13th July:
https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/assemblies/assembly-2020-07-13/2020_07_13_assembly_for_home/

Barnardos

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to COVID-19. It provides support to children who are experiencing harm or increased adversity. They employ a mixture of online support, face to face interventions and reintegration into education to support children.

Visit <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond> or phone 0800 151 7015 for further information.

Hall Green Community website

The school falls within the constituency of Hall Green. The Hall Green Community website connects people of all ages to support activities and services they need close to home. Attached to the email is a very useful locality support directory.

Go to <https://www.hallgreencommunities.org.uk/> for further information.

Transition

We ask our school community to pray for those preparing for transition. It is a particularly difficult time for our Year 6 pupils who will be transferring to secondary schools without having had transition days. It is equally difficult for new Reception children starting in September who have not had a chance to get to know their new class teacher. Please be rest assured that the school will be planning for a smooth transition for our current pupils. Staff have already met to pass on information regarding pupils and we are planning activities for the first couple of weeks to aid the transition process. Emotional health and well-being will be a priority when children return to school.

Prayer for Year 6 Leavers 2020

*Loving and Caring God,
As I come to the end of my time at Primary School,
I reflect on the years since I began school.*

*Some of the building blocks of my life have happened here
without my even knowing it: reading and writing,
skills that will grow and that I will use throughout my life.*

*If I look back on my first days at school,
everybody else in the school seemed very big.
Now, I am at the top of the school and I don't feel quite so big!*

*But I am getting ready now to move on,
to new challenges, to a new sense of belonging, to a new identity.
As I do so, help me always to remember a phrase that can accompany me now
and in the future: Do this in Memory of Me!*

*Help me, Lord, to remember and not to forget:
that as a child of your family, at any age, I can pray and ask for your
guidance;
that as a follower of yours, I can make a difference in the world by speaking
the truth;
that as a member of the human family, I can act responsibly and lead others
to do the same.*

*Bless all those who have been part of my journey so far:
my family
my friends
my teachers and all of the staff at my school.*

*Keep me in your care, Lord, throughout the summer. Keep me safe.
May every day of my life be an opportunity to give back to you the gratitude I
have for the gift of life you have given me.*

Amen



Important Dates

School will close this term on Friday 17th July at the following times:

Reception – 1.40pm

Y1 – 1.50pm

Y6 and Critical Worker Children – 2.00pm

There will be a staff training day on Tuesday 1st September. **School will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September.**

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'