

The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Worker / Vulnerable Children Provision from 8th June

We are delighted that we have been able to support you during this very difficult time and are writing to provide you with details of how the provision will be changing when school reopens for more children from 8th June.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 6

You will have received a letter containing the details of how we propose to open the school for these children following the half term holiday. You need to decide whether you are sending your child back to school or leaving them in the Key Worker group. To restrict social contact, **they will not be able to do both** – if they return to school it will be on a rota basis (week in, week off). If you want your child to return to school on 8th June, they will not be able to attend during the second week of half term.

The Nursery Building

When we set up the provision in Nursery, we did so following the guidance available at the time. Further guidance has been released to support schools to reopen and we are going to make some changes to the environment in Nursery to bring it in line with what is happening in school. **Some of the toys / soft seating areas will have to be put away and we will have to encourage the children to maintain social distancing more rigorously.** This will, unfortunately, mean more time sitting at desks. If the numbers of children increase, we may have to move groups over to the main building to ensure social distancing.

Booking

Because the majority of staff will now be working with the groups of children in the main school building, we only have a limited number of staff to work in the Nursery building. It is therefore essential that you book your child a place using Parents Evening System by **Sunday evening**. This will ensure that we have the correct staffing levels to cover the week ahead. **If they are not booked on, we can not guarantee that we will be able to accept them on the day.**

Wrap Around Care

The latest government guidance means that we will not be able to offer Breakfast Club / After School Club to the children returning in June. We will therefore be revising our hours in Nursery to **8am until 4pm**. We are also asking you not to arrive at school between 8.30 – 9.30 or 3.00 – 3.30 to avoid having crowds of people at school. A reminder that you should not be leaving your child at school unless you are at work and should be collecting them as soon as your shift is over.

Social Distancing outside school

We can not dictate your behaviour outside school and in your own time, however **we reserve the right to refuse Emergency Care** where we are aware that you are not following social distancing guidelines – this increases the risk of infection being brought in and passed on to other children. Your child should only be meeting with one person at a time from another household and should not be going into any house other than your own (we understand the guidance around shared custody and are not counting visits to parents). Only 1 adult is allowed to drop off / pick up from school.

Evidence

Because of low numbers of children requiring care, we have not had to ask you for supporting evidence from your employers. Due to an anticipated rise in demand, we are now asking you to arrange the following:

An **email** from your employer confirming **details of your employment** (specifically your role) and confirmation that you are **unable to work from home / rearrange your shift pattern** to allow you to organise child care in another way (shared with another parent / member of your household). Emails should come from a work email to **head@blessedsacrament.lancs.sch.uk**

Where you can rearrange child care, we are asking you to do so in order that we are able to meet demand and are not in a position where we are turning people away. We hope that you recognise that we are not questioning your integrity but are trying to support as many people as possible.

If we do not have the evidence required then you will not be able to book your child onto the system for 8th June onwards.

Finally, a reminder that we continue to be open over half term with staff volunteering to come in and look after your children with no payment; I thank them for their dedication and commitment. **If you need us, we are here.** Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss K J Hannah
Headteacher