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St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

The staff have been in school now for two days preparing for the children coming back on Monday. We are all very excited to see them again and hope that any worries are soon allayed when they get back into their routines.

There are a few changes that we need to make you aware of due to amended government guidance since the letter sent out at the end of the summer term and regarding the building work around the school.

For accessibility reasons we will be having a ramp fitted around the back of the school building on to the playground. This is anticipated to last around 10 weeks. During this time parking outside school will be even more limited so where possible please could parents walk to school, or park away from school and 'Park and Stride'. The walking bus will not be running at the moment. We will let you know when we are able to resume this service. If you do park outside school please do not park on the junction at the top of the cul-de-sac as workmen will need lorry access. Due to the staggered school start and finish times please could you make sure you are on time at the time allocated in the previous letter. Please do not arrive out of your allocated time slot as we need to reduce the amount of people gathering outside the school as much as possible. We understand that having more than one child arriving and being collected at different times is not an ideal situation, but it is necessary in order to keep everyone safe. Only in exceptional circumstances will siblings in different classes be able to start and finish school at the same time. This must be pre-arranged.

The class teacher will meet your child at the school gates at the beginning of the school day and bring them out to meet you at the end of the school day. If you need to speak to the teacher please could you arrange an appointment with the school office as visitors into the school will be limited. If you do enter the school you will be asked to wear a mask. It is not encouraged for children to wear masks in school however, if you feel your child needs to please arrange to discuss this with a member of the senior leadership team.

If your child is not in school due to isolating please could you contact the school office by 9am so they can inform the teacher and your child can have access to live lessons. Live lessons will be delivered through google meet for any child / group isolating and your children will be given a passcode to access this. Please look out for your child's login over the next couple of weeks.

Reading books: Reception Class and KS1 will take 2 banded books, 1 phonics book and 1 library book home every Friday. These need to stay with the children for a week and brought back into school the





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following Friday before the book is stored in quarantine for 72 hours and then back in the school system the following week. (They will bring home their first set of books on Monday 7th, to be returned by Friday).

KS2 children will be encouraged to keep their book for the week and complete comprehension activities if they finish their book before Fridays.

PE kit: on the day your class has PE, please could your child come to school in their school P.E. kit or a tracksuit and suitable footwear for PE. (Trainers are a better option for wearing all day, rather than plimsolls). They will not need to bring any other clothes to change into.

P.E. days are: Reception Class- Monday

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3- Wednesday

Year 4- Monday

Year 5 and Year 6- Thursday

This will need to start in the second week back please- from Monday 14th September.

Wellies and a raincoat: please could your child bring a pair of named wellies (to be kept in school) and a raincoat into school so we can make full use of the school grounds whatever the weather whilst also socially distancing. This is necessary for all classes please.

Breakfast Club: If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, please let the ladies in the office know. We are only able to have 15 children at a time, giving priority to key workers. We will confirm if your child has a place by Wednesday 9th September. Breakfast club will start on Monday 14th September.

We look forward to seeing the children back at school next week but if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Draycott.

Warmest wishes

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Executive Headteacher





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