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End of Summer term and preparations for all pupils to return in Autumn 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you all today, to say we have missed seeing all of our children and you their amazing families over the past few months, but to thank you for all of your support throughout the year at St Anne's Catholic Primary School and I am sure you will agree it was not the year we expected. It was certainly a challenge, but I feel as a school our whole school community rallied around and provided as many different resources as we could to keep everyone engaged in many different ways. Moving forward there are so many positive things that we can utilise from 'Lockdown' and using excellent practice combined with technological advances will make our school even better for the whole community. The information that we will share with you today is from the latest government guidance and we have tried to make it personal to our school.

September

Plans are well underway for all pupils (Key Stage 1 and 2) to return to St Anne's Catholic Primary School from Thursday 3rd September 2020. This week we met (online) our new Nursery and Reception classes and all classes met their new teachers. Temporary drop off and collection timings that were shared last week, will be included at the end of this letter and again in our newsletter. It is so important that we stick to these time slots, as our staggered starts will be to prevent too many people congregating in one area. These timings will evolve after our first few days back to assess what tweaks we need to make in order to keep everyone safe. We will also share an explanatory video with you all before we start again in September to make sure that everyone knows what is expected, while on our school site.

Following the government's guidance for full opening, there are a number of important points that families need to be aware of

- School attendance will be **mandatory** in autumn and the usual rules on attendance will apply. Consequently, all our children will be expected to be in school, every day. We will endeavour to work closely with families to ensure a smooth transition back into school and support them in attending school regularly.
- From September pupil groups (bubbles) will increase in size for up to 30 pupils to allow everyone to return to school. Some mixing may be necessary, such as for specialist teaching. For most of the time, our children will be in their class/year groups. Pupils will be kept apart from other year groups where possible and older children will be encouraged to keep their distance within groups.
- Staff will be able to work across different groups in order to deliver the school timetable, but they will keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they possibly can and ideally 2 metres apart.





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- Equipment and resources can be shared within class groups. They will be cleaned regularly, as we do for frequently touched surfaces. However, people will not share individual and very frequently used equipment like pencils and pens. Any resources shared between groups, such as sports, art and science equipment, will be rotated so they can be unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different groups. Everyone will avoid unnecessary sharing, especially where it does not contribute to pupil education and development.

New measures for responding to infections:

If someone has symptoms:

Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child as soon as possible. The isolation room will be cleaned as soon as the child has been collected. If a member of staff shows any symptoms, they will be sent home. Parents and carers must arrange for a test if their child shows symptoms of Covid 19. Parents and staff must inform school immediately of the results of a test.

If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus:

If school becomes aware that someone has tested positive, our office staff will contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact school if they become aware that someone at our school has tested positive. The team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person when they were infectious, and make sure they are asked to self-isolate.

Close contact means:

- Direct close contact - face-to-face contact with an infected person for any length of time, within 1 metre, including: Being coughed on; a face-to-face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)
- Proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected person

To help our local health protection team, senior staff will keep a record of pupils and staff in each group and any close contact that takes place between children and staff. School will not share the names or details of people with coronavirus unless it is essential for protecting others.

If there's a possible outbreak

If there are 2 or more cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus is suspected, school will work with our local health protection to decide if additional action is needed. In some cases, the team may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate as a





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precautionary measure, such as the whole year group.

Whole-school closure will not generally be necessary and school will not consider this except if our local health protection team advises it.

New expectations for our curriculum

For all of our children returning we want them to get back into a school routine and we know that may be hard for some children, so we will work closely with these families in order to facilitate a transition back into normality. As mentioned previously we plan to modify our curriculum at the start of the academic year, but aim to return to our normal curriculum for all pupils by summer term 2021 at the latest. Wellbeing will have an enormous focus daily on arrival. We will assess pupils' starting points and address gaps in their knowledge and skills, and use this to inform changes to our curriculum. It may be appropriate to suspend some subjects for some pupils in exceptional circumstances, as long as it is in their best interests. If this does happen, it will be discussed with the pupil's parents or carers during the autumn term. Over the summer holidays, we know families will want to know what areas will be studied in our Autumn term so in order to aid with this we will be studying **route A for this academic year 2020 -2021** and all subjects with their topics will be under the Curriculum section of our website by this Friday 24th July. The scheme that we follow for Mathematics (White Rose) have already uploaded resources for 'catch up' and we will be providing lists of books to read over the summer holidays to keep you engaged and we will provide some challenges which we will keep posting on twitter. You may have noted that for the past number of weeks we have had a whole school book focus with our school community and we will continue with this for the first two weeks when we return then we will move back onto our 'Literacy Counts' scheme.

Primary schools

For pupils in Reception:

We will focus on the above, but also assess and address gaps in language, early reading and maths, particularly ensuring children's acquisition of phonic knowledge and extending their vocabulary

For pupils in KS1 and KS2, we intend to prioritise:

Identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the 'essentials' (phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and maths)

Identifying opportunities across the curriculum so pupils read widely

Developing pupils' knowledge

We plan to keep the curriculum broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year. The Department for Education is planning on the basis that statutory primary assessments will take place in summer 2021.





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Breakfast and After School Club

Consideration is being made regarding resuming breakfast club and as we can't maintain those same groups, we will use small, consistent groups. Thank you to everyone for completing the survey for this. We will send you our plans on how this will work before September.

Equipment

It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats and coats. School bags are to be limited to a book bag and a draw string PE bag. Large backpacks and pencil cases are not permitted at this time. Pupils can take reading books home. If you would like your child to bring a water bottle to school they can do, but only if it is clear and **not coloured**. **Water bottles should contain still, unflavoured water only**. Children do not need a water bottle, if parents and carers would like their child to have one, the bottles and contents must comply with school's requirements. It would help if your child's name was on the bottle. Water fountains in school will not be in use.

Uniform

We will return to school in September with the same expectations for uniform as we had last September – please see details in our school newsletter.

Risk Assessments

We have revisited and updated our risk assessments to build on the learning to date and practices already developed. If our local area sees a spike in infection rates, our school may be advised to close temporarily for most pupils as we did in March. If this happens we will offer immediate remote education for all pupils at home.

Start and End Times

Start and end times will be different for different classes, however as mentioned last week siblings will be able to start and finish at the earlier time. Please see the timings below:

'Temporary' Timings for staggered drop off and collections

Drop off	Classes	Finish
8:30am	Y6, Y6/5, Y5	2:40pm
8:40am	Y4, Y4/3, Y3	2:50pm
8:50am	Y2, Y2/1, Y1	3pm
9:00am	Reception, Nursery	3:10pm

Please note that if you have more than one child in our school, you will be able to leave your child at the earlier slot and collect them earlier (**e.g if you have a child in Y6 and Y1 you will be able to drop both children off at 8:30am and collect them at 2:40pm**).





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Lunches

For the first two days and the first full week back all meals provided by school (free school meals and those that have been paid for) will consist of a packed lunch, with children given the choice of ham, tuna or cheese sandwich. After this initial start, we aim to move back to the menu provided by Knowsley Council. This will be after we have reviewed how and where we will serve hot meals for our children. Parents/carers of children who are entitled to free school meals can choose to provide a packed lunch for their child if they prefer.

I can only apologise for the long letter but the information above we needed to share with you. We will still communicate plans during the summer and give you more information on breakfast and our after school club. Please be aware that guidance could also change during the summer break which would also affect our plans. A video will also be provided before we start back to show families where to leave and collect their child in September.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all our staff for their efforts all year and their commitment throughout the 'Lockdown' period, they have all been immense.

To conclude, have a lovely summer break and rest up with your wonderful families. We will look forward to welcoming you back to school safely in September.

Yours sincerely,

L Anderson

Mr L Anderson

Head Teacher

