



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Living and working as Jesus taught us

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Start of Autumn Term 2020 with extra safety measures (COVID-19)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone has had a restful holiday period and managed to relax over the summer break. It has been a while since we have all been in school together and we are really looking forward to seeing our children again. We hope that everyone is ready for the term ahead and looking forward to being back as one big happy school community again. Our staff are very eager to meet their new classes in person and are counting down the days until the 3rd of September. A big welcome to all our new children and parents/carers who may be joining us for the first time.

The information we are sharing today is how we plan to ensure a smooth running of school and to keep everyone safe over the next number of weeks and months. As the days and weeks pass, we will review systems and measures we have put in place as necessary.

September

All pupils (Key Stage 1 and 2) will return to St Anne's Catholic Primary School from Thursday 3rd September 2020. The temporary drop off and collection timings that we shared at the end of July will be in place. Our EYFS (reception and nursery) children will start as per timetable that is on our school website and which was shared at our end of year zoom meetings.

It is vital that everyone sticks to these time slots (detailed below), as our staggered starts are to prevent too many people congregating in one area and to ensure social distancing while on our school site. These timings may evolve after our first few days/weeks back in school as we regularly assess what tweaks we may need to make in order to keep everyone safe.

At the start and end of the day adults should adhere to social distancing measures (2 metres apart) and if possible one adult should collect their child from the relevant collection point at the allocated time. We would also encourage adults to wear a face covering, while on our premises. Drop off will be at the normal wooden gate at the allocated time slot (stated below). Children will then proceed to their classroom where they will wash their hands (this will be constant throughout the day). Adults should then leave our site via the Blacklow Brow gate or our new gate on Marina Crescent. A one-way system will be in place. Contact with the school office or staff should be by phone or email and collection of anything should be by prior appointment. Seesaw will also be used as a means of contact with school and for sharing home learning (during working hours) and to share information, however staff will not always be able to respond during the day as they will be teaching.

Collecting children will be at the relevant time by the collection point close to your child's classroom. Again, a one-way system will be in place and after collecting your child, please proceed around the back of the school and exit via Blacklow Brow or the new gate on Marina Crescent.

The government's guidance for full opening has 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 work closely with families through Mrs Revell, our Learning Mentor, to ensure a smooth transition back into school and support our children in attending school regularly.
- From September, pupil groups 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/Lower and Upper Key Stage groups. Pupils will be kept apart from other year groups when possible (we will have different break times for Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2) 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/interventions, but they will keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they possibly can and ideally 2 metres apart.
- 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.

Our 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 a 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. 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.

Risk Assessments

We have revisited and updated our risk assessments. 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.

New expectations for our curriculum

For all of our children returning we want them to get back into the 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. Wellbeing will have an enormous daily focus on arrival and we will assess pupil's starting points and address gaps in their knowledge and skills, and use this to inform changes that may be needed to our curriculum.

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.

Breakfast and After School Club

Consideration has been made regarding resuming breakfast club/after school club and as we cannot maintain the same groups, we will use small, consistent groups who access different areas linked to 'mini' Key Stage Bubbles. This will start on Thursday 3rd September. Please note we will have to limit and cap numbers for breakfast club and after school club in order to operate safely. If you require these services please email breakfastafterschoolclubs@stannesprimaryknowsley.co.uk and clearly state who the booking is for and what class they are in. Please can you make clear if it is either breakfast or afterschool club and what days you require this service.

The booking system on the school App will be suspended for the time being and places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served basis' for the foreseeable future until the daily limit has been reached. Your child will not be able to attend any of the clubs if a place has not been pre-booked.

Please note that bookings **MUST** be made by the Friday of the week before you wish to use the clubs in order for us to ensure sufficient staffing.

Equipment

Pupils need to 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. At this time, water fountains in school will not be in use, however there are taps in school which your child can use to fill up their water bottle.

Uniform

As mentioned in July and in our last newsletter we have the same expectations for uniform as we had last September – please see details in our last few school newsletters. Children should be in full school uniform every day. New coats which have been ordered will be sent either home with your child on their first day or if you would prefer to pick it up yourself please email the school or (from Tuesday 1st September) phone the school for a time for collection on the 2nd September.

Start and End Times

Start and end times will be different for different classes, however as mentioned previously siblings will be able to start and finish at the same 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). **Please inform us if you wish to collect children from different year groups at the same time and who will be collecting them (please email the school if you intend to do this at stanne@knowsey.co.uk).**

Lunches

For the first two days (Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th) and the first full week back (week commencing 7th September), 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.

To conclude, as we start the new school term other information will be shared with you all and a video explaining the systems that will be in use will be sent to all via 'Seesaw'. This will be particularly important if you are a new family to our school. I am looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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