



SS John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I thought I would write to you all to outline some of our plans for the school's reopening in September. Obviously there has been a lot to consider and plan for, in order that we can get all children back into school safely. A full risk assessment is available for you to look at on our school website, but I have attached some key points with this letter (appendix a). You will also all receive a letter this week telling you who your child's teacher will be next year, as well as their drop off and pick up times. These are staggered to avoid classes mixing throughout the school day and to help maintain social distancing for children, parents and carers. We unfortunately are not in a position to offer breakfast or after school club, as it would not be possible to avoid classes mixing. If this causes you any issues with work, we can provide a letter for your employer explaining the times your child can be in school.

We are also staggering the start date next year for different classes. These are all listed below with the exception of Nursery and Reception classes, who will receive a separate letter this week.

Thursday 3rd September – Miss Hughes and Mrs Lord's classes (Year 4)
Mr McCarthy and Miss Welch's classes (Year 6)

Friday 4th September – Mr Silver and Miss Carroll's classes (Year 3)
Mr Lyness and Mr O'Hara's classes (Year 5)

Monday 7th September – Mrs Horley, Mrs Logan-Price and Miss Evans' classes (Year 1)
Miss Jarvis & Miss Paris' classes (Year 2)

School books, letters and reports will be available to collect from the school office from 10:30am tomorrow (Wednesday), unless you have a meet the teacher appointment, in which case they will be given to you then.

Have a lovely summer

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(Appendix a)

Key Points of Ss John Fisher & Thomas More plan to re-open.

Public Health advice

- Pupils to be organised in 'pods' of no more than 23 in each pod.
- At least one adult will be first aid trained in the following: EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2.
- The pod and their adult will remain together at all times in their designated area of the school.
- Pods will not be allowed to move to any other areas of the school. This is to reduce the risk of any transmission to other pods
- Pupils will be prohibited from entering communal areas (hall, dining room)
- No assemblies or large gatherings. This will include singing activities and indoor PE / sport lessons.
- Pupils will be taught about social distancing, hand washing and good respiratory hygiene from the first day. Pupils will be supervised on corridors and around school to maintain social distance.
- Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all rooms & toilets that are used are kept hygienic.
- Start and finish times will be staggered across the school.
- Classes will be allocated a gate to enter and exit through. Parents will be asked to wait at the school gate maintaining 2m distance.
- Breaks and lunch times will be staggered, shorter and supervision of pupils will be only be provided by the staff assigned to this pod.
- Packed lunches will be eaten in pods between 12 and 1:30pm.
- Packed lunches will be provided for those eligible for FSM and UFSM. **All other pupils should bring their own packed lunch.**
- Face Masks should not be worn at school. This is in line with the government guidance - *Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education.*

School Operations

- An adult is expected to drop off and pick up each child.
- Attendance is compulsory and school will pursue Fixed Penalty Notices if necessary (see school Attendance policy)
- External visitors will be kept to a minimum.
- School uniform is compulsory from September in order to create the required work ethos from the start.

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Curriculum, behaviour and support

- Each class will be taught a broad and ambitious curriculum with a focus on ensuring pupils 'catch up' with key skills in reading, writing and maths.
- Pupils will be supported to 'catch up' where needed (e.g. Phonics)
- Each class will implement the newly designed curriculum including PSHE.
- All classes will be given opportunities to read more widely using 'Reading Skills' sessions & Accelerated Reader.
- In Nursery, the focus will be on the prime areas of learning. In Reception, there will also be a focus on RWI Phonics and early maths skills. Outdoor learning will also be a priority in the EYFS
- Outdoor PE & sports are a priority although contact sports should not be played.

Assessment

- Assessments to be made in first half term.

Contingency Planning

- Remote Learning will continue to be developed so that work can be provided through Class Dojo and Google Classroom in the event of an outbreak or local lockdown.

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