



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families,

We have had some children in school for two weeks now and it has been a very smooth transition. The school received a health and safety visit last week and we have been told that the site is safe for pupils and staff. We had no recommendations in the report. The children are amazing and have followed protocols perfectly- so have parents! If your child is in reception, year one and year six and you want to send them to school, then don't forget to book them into school at bookingsystem@stmarysjarrow.co.uk We have had to limit places in the key worker and vulnerable group; if you need to get in touch about this group then please email keyworkers@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Home learning

Thank you for any feedback about home learning, if you would like to share any other comments then please email homestudyhelp@stmarysjarrow.co.uk Hopefully, we are never going to be in this situation again, but we always like you know your thoughts. We will continue our welfare calls for the next two weeks.

PE kit

We still have some children's PE kits in school- they are safely stored away, but I am sure that you must want them back. During the first week of the holidays, we will put them out in the yard and you can call down to collect them. We will allocate a day per class, which should be easier. We will of course accommodate families, so that you do not have to make more than one trip. More information will follow about this.

Next academic year

We do not know what school life in September will look like; we are following government guidelines and are hoping to have all children returning full time. It may mean that we will still have to offer staggered and start and finishing times and continue with the one-way system. As soon as we know more then we will share it with you.

We have relaxed the uniform policy at the moment for the children who are in school, as they need to wear fresh clothes daily. We will return to full uniform after the summer. If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced over the summer, then please do it at the start of the holidays as earrings are not allowed to be worn due to health and safety. We will insist that they are removed and the children often find this upsetting.

We are finalising the staffing arrangements for next year and you will find out your child's teacher very soon.



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Summer holidays

The children break up for the summer on Wednesday 15th July 2020 and return on Tuesday 8th September 2020. We have staff training on July 16th and 17th and September 7th. The holiday dates are on the school website.

We are aware that there have been discussions around the opening of school in the holidays. We will not be open in the holidays unless it is a statutory duty. We know that the children and staff have all worked hard and everyone needs a rest so that they can be fresh and ready to start again in September.

School reports

You will receive your child's school report in the post next week. Please take time to read it and contact school if there is anything that you would like to discuss. The comments and predictions are based on the work up to March.

Year six

It has been a very strange time for everyone, but the year six pupils have missed out on the normal end of primary school traditions: the school play, leaver's assemblies, McDonald's after SATs and a lot more. If possible, we would like **ALL** year six pupils to join us in school for the day on Wednesday 15th July to try have fun and some closure. They can then finish school at 2:30pm and we can socially distance say goodbye to them and parents. We are hoping that they will all return for a day at some point in the autumn term.

Thanks

Thank you so much for all of your lovely messages and praise for the staff and school during this difficult time. It is very much appreciated by everyone. We are all desperate for the children to return to school. We are so sorry they are missing out on all of the fun and excitement of summer term. We will just have to make next year extra special.

A big thank you goes to National Schools Breakfast Programme who have provided bagels, cereals, porridge and beans (the biggest tins ever!) to you all. We will have two deliveries in the holidays; we will let you know the dates and it will be a collection system.

School News!

- Mrs Graham has a hair appointment booked for July 4th!
- Miss O'Reilly's baby bump is even bigger and she goes on maternity leave at the start of July.
- Miss Stothard finishes her teacher training on Tuesday. Congratulations to her.
- The cats still think the yard is their playground!
- Mr Slack is building some amazing steps in the yard to the spiritual garden.

Thanking you and see you soon,
Mrs Graham and Mrs Tumelty.



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