



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Reception and Year 1 children,

We look forward to you coming back to school and we have lots of lovely activities and games planned for you. School will look a little different when you return and we do have some new rules that you will have to follow.

For the last few weeks, we have been busy making plans for some of you to come back to school. From Monday 15th June we are opening up the school to Y6, Y1 and Reception children. Alongside these groups, there will also be the children of key workers who been coming in since March. We wish everyone could come back, but this can't happen because we haven't got enough space in school to keep us all safe. A great deal of thought and preparation has been put into the plans, some of you may find that you are not with your class teacher, not with your entire class and not in your usual classroom.

Reception children, you will be in the nursery building and you will enter via the nursery gate. Your parents will leave through the school car park gate and you will leave through that gate on an evening. Year one children, you will enter through the normal school gate and you parents will leave through the car park gate also. You will also leave through the school car park gate. The staff will not be parking their cars in the car park so that you will be safe.

When you come to school a teacher will be at the gate to show you which way to go, your mam or dad will have to give you a kiss and cuddle goodbye and send you into school. When it's time to go home you stand in line until your teacher sends you to your mam or dad, they are lucky they will have a little place to wait for you! Only one person will be allowed to come and collect you.

You might not be with all your friends and in a different classroom but don't worry you will be with a teacher you know from school! We have called our classes something funny now...we say they are a bubble! This means that you will be with a small group of the same friends and teacher every day and staying in the same classroom. When we come back to school we are going to have a packed lunch every day in class or outside if the sun is shining!

Our classrooms look a little different and we have had to put lots of our lovely toys away for a little while but don't worry we will get them back out soon. We have moved the furniture and taken down some things from the walls but we thought that you could help make our classroom feel more like home with your lovely smiles and we can make some pictures together to go on the walls.

We know you have missed your friends and it is hard not to but we are going to try not to hold hands or hug each other, instead maybe you could give them a wave or thumbs up and say 'hello'. If you are not coming back to school please do not worry because we are doing the same work at home and school, we may even send you a message from your friends in school! We have missed your giggles and smiling faces and cannot wait until we can all be back together but until then let's work from home and in our bubbles!



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You will not need to bring anything to school other than a light weight washable jacket. You can wear either your uniform, with suitable footwear- trainers are fine, or sportswear as you will be learning inside and outside the classroom. Everyone will receive a free packed lunch from school and a fresh water bottle.

For some, the times you are at school have changed slightly. Don't worry though, your teacher knows it will be different for you and will be there to explain all the changes and look after you in school.

There will be three Y1 bubbles.

Bubble 1 will come to school between 8:45am and 9am and home time will be 3pm.

Bubble 2 will come to school between 9am and 9:15 am and home time will be 3:15pm.

Bubble 3 will come to school between 9:15 and 9:30am and home time will be 3:30pm.

There will be four Reception bubbles.

Bubble 1 will come to school between 8:45am and 9am and home time will be 2:45pm.

Bubble 2 will come to school between 9am and 9:15am and home time will be 3:00pm.

Bubble 3 will come to school between 9:15am and 9:30am and home time will be 3:15pm.

Bubble 4 will come to school between 9:30am and 9:45am and home time will be 3:30pm.

You will be told which bubble you will be in next week.

If any of your parents need to speak with staff, please ask them to phone the office and a teacher will phone them back as soon as possible.

We have missed you very much and we cannot wait to see you soon.

Mrs Graham and Mrs Tumelty.

