



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Year 6,

For the past few months, you have been put in a very challenging situation. We are very proud of you all and how you have made the transition from classroom learning to working at home. You went from spending your days with your friends on our busy playground, to staying at home for weeks on end. We have all missed our friends and family and we have missed you.

For the last few weeks, we have been busy making plans for some of you to come back to school. From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

The government has asked us to make sure our classes are smaller than usual and that children spend time with the same group of people. School will feel different for those children who are returning: there will be no assembly in the hall, we will be staying in our groups of children throughout the day and we will not be allowed to move freely around the school.

Although there will be changes when you return to school, what will not change will be the welcoming face of our school. All the staff are very much looking forward to seeing the children who are returning. The children returning to school will be doing school work: you will spend time outside as well as inside the classroom. Don't worry though if you are staying at home; the work the returning children are doing will be similar to the work we will continue to set each week on the website. If you are staying at home, we will still keep in touch with you.

In the coming weeks, staff will have meetings with St. Wilfrid's and other schools that you are moving on to. This is to ensure that you will have as smooth a transition as we can make it. There will be further information to follow with regard to this.

We look forward to you coming back to school however, school will look a little different when you return and we do have some new rules that you will have to follow.

Firstly, we ask that only one adult brings you to school so we can keep everyone safely two metres apart. You will enter the school grounds through the normal gate and your parents will have to leave via the church gate or the car park gate; you will also need to leave via these exits at the end of the school day.

When you first come onto the Junior yard, you will notice there are some lines painted on the ground, this is to remind you to come straight into school and to show you where your parents will wait at the end of the day. When you come to school, a teacher will be at the gate to help you if needed and to remind you to keep your distance from each other.



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At home time, you will wait with your teacher tells you to walk to your parent/carer who will be waiting safely behind the lines where they dropped you off. If you walk home from school, then that is fine, but you must stick to a 2 metre distance from your friends and other people on the street and must go straight home.

Your classroom will look quite different as we had to put some of our resources away and space the tables and chairs two metres apart. We know you have missed your friends but we are going to need to keep a safe distance from each other. You might not be with all your Y6 friends and could be in a different classroom but don't worry you will be with a teacher you know from school.

Every day until the end of term, you will be with the same group of Y6 children and the same teacher(s). 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. If you bring your mobile phone into school, it must be kept in a zipped coat pocket.

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 Y6 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.

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.



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