



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Families,

We are nearly at the end of this academic year and it has been the strangest year that we have witnessed. Thank you again for your support during this time.

We are preparing the school for September and will complete this on our school training days next week. Risk assessments are being updated in preparation for reopening to the wider school and the school will receive a deep clean in the holidays. Many children have been in school and they have settled back well, if you feel that your child will struggle with the return to school, then please let us know and we can have an informal chat and offer support.

At the present time, we cannot accommodate parents in the school office, which is why we are offering so many email addresses. It means that they are read by the correct team and dealt with efficiently. Please make a note of them.

Home learning

Thank you for any feedback about home learning. Reminder that if you would like to share any other comments then please email homestudyhelp@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

We have started preparations for a blended learning approach; this is the new terminology for home learning. In case children have to isolate next academic year then we will have the blended approach in place; currently we are setting up Google classrooms and the children will be fully trained in it during the autumn school term. If this happens, then the children will have to use technology at home- if technology is an issue for your family then please email hometechnologysupport@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

PE kits currently in school

PE kits that have been left in school will be available to be collected on the week beginning July 20th. The kits will be placed on the main yard ready for collection- if it is raining then it will be adjusted. We have a one-way system in place- please enter the normal school gate and exit via the staff carpark.

Reception/ Year 1-	Monday 20 th	10am-2pm
Year 2/ Year 3-	Tuesday 21 st	10am- 2pm
Year 4/ Year 5-	Wednesday 22 nd	10am-2pm
Year 6-	Thursday 23 rd	10am-2pm

Mrs. Smith will be in the school office, please phone her if you need a sibling's bag brought out. For health and safety reasons, we advise that you place the items straight into the washing machine or leave them for 72 hours.





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Summer holidays

A reminder that 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.

Next academic year

We now know what school life in September will look like; we have followed government guidelines and all children will return full time. The children will be in class bubbles and will not mix in assemblies or worship. Each bubble has been allocated a toilet and they are now unisex toilets- year 5 and 6 are the exception to this. Children will have allocated toilet times for their own safety. We know that children may need the toilet at different times and they will be allowed to go and supervised. We do have one-way system in school- please read the information carefully and try to adhere to it in September.

We are sorry that we have left class arrangements until the last moment. We can now share the class teachers with you:

Reception:	Mrs Riley
Year 1:	Miss Readman- supported by Mrs. Colley
Year 2:	Miss Mowbray
Year 3:	Miss Stobbs (new to school)
Year 4-	Mrs Smith
Year 5-	Miss McManus
Year 6-	Mrs Waite and Mr Mackley

During the first two weeks, we will have a main focus on Social, Emotional and Mental Health. All lessons will be short and will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor learning. We will have no formal assessments until October, this will give us a chance to teach the children and identify the gaps in their learning.

Uniform

Full and normal uniform must be worn when we return in September. 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.

Items in school

All children will be provided with an individual pencil case in September. Please do not send in any additional items. Children can bring in a water bottle, which will be left on their school desk for the day, they will then be sent home on the same day and if they are not taken home then they will be disposed of. We are not using school water bottles at the moment so a disposable water bottle is recommended. As normal, children can fill the bottle up during the day.

Children in Years reception, one and two should have a school book bag, available from ParentPay. Children in Years 3-6, can bring in a small bag for their reading books etc., but they will not be allowed to bring in large bags. Milk can be ordered as usual via www.coolmilk.com





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PE days and kit

Your child has an allocated PE day. We are not allowing any additional bags in school so your child MUST wear their PE to school on that day. The PE kit is navy bottoms and a plain white t-shirt. Tracksuits are allowed but again they must be navy. Designer items are not allowed, e.g. Nike, Adidas.

Reception- Wednesday

Year 1- Friday

Year 2- Friday

Year 3- Monday

Year 4- Monday

Year 5- Friday

Year 6- Friday

Arriving and leaving school

We are operating on a one-way system in the school yard. Nursery and Reception children and parents must enter via the Nursery gate and leave via the staff carpark. Years 1-6 enter via the main entrance and leave via the car park or church gate.

Please drop and collect your child off at their allocated time. You must socially distance when entering and leaving school. Please do not arrive at school before your allocated time on a morning. When collecting, you may have to queue, but please socially distance where possible.

Reception- Arrive 8:45-9am and collect 3:15pm

Year 1- Arrive 8:45-9am and collect 3:15pm

Year 2- Arrive 9-9:15am and collect 3:30pm

Year 3- Arrive 9-9:15am and collect 3:30pm

Year 4- Arrive 8:45-9am and collect 3:15pm

Year 5- Arrive 9-9:15am and collect 3:30pm

Year 6- Arrive 8:45-9am and collect 3:15pm

After school clubs

We are not operating our normal after school clubs straight away- it may be that we offer them within bubbles, but you will get more information on this when we assess the situation.

Wrap around will be offered as normal, but it is now in the main school. Children can be dropped off at 8am and will be given breakfast. After school provision is from the end of the school day until 6pm. Children receive a snack, e.g. pasta, crackers. To book in, please email wraparound@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Residential trips

Unfortunately, all of KS2 trips were cancelled. The monies raised and paid by Years 3, 4 and 5 will be kept towards next year's trips. Year 6 will have their money repaid into their parent pay account- this is both the money that was directly paid and sponsor money. The money will be available to be withdrawn from the account; it is the responsibility of the parent to return the sponsor money to the person who sponsored the child.





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Dinners

At the present time, we are providing all children with a packed lunch free of charge. From September, dinner fees will resume. Across the week, we will be providing children from year 1-6 with 3 hot dinners a week and 2 cold dinners. We need to spread the children across the dining hall and the main hall to ensure their bubble is secure.

Reception- hot dinner every day served in the EYFS building.

Year 1- Hot: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cold: Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 2- Hot: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cold: Monday and Thursday.

Year 3- Hot: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cold: Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 4- Hot: Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cold: Tuesday and Thursday.

Year 5- Hot: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cold: Monday and Thursday.

Year 6- Hot: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cold: Monday and Thursday.

The area will be cleaned down between each class. Dinners will continue to be served from 12-1pm.

We are not allowing children from reception, year and year 2 to bring in packed lunches. These children all receive free universal school meals. If your child has a special educational need or allergies, then speak to the school SENCO who will support and offer advice.

Children in years 3-6, can bring in their own packed lunch, but the food cannot be brought in a normal packed lunch bag. The food must be brought in a plastic bag and all sandwiches, food etc. must be wrapped in disposable items, e.g. tin foil or cling film. To help reduce infection, the bag will be thrown out after use. Please do not put food in that won't be eaten as you will not have it returned. Packed lunches are allowed to be left out for 4 hours, so they will not be kept refrigerated. Children coming to wrap around will have their packed lunches stored in a cold box, as it may go over the 4 hour allocated time.

Thanks

Again, 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. Some families have brought in gifts or cards to say thank you to staff. It is a long lived tradition and they are absolutely not expected at all by staff. If you are insistent on doing so, then the gifts can be brought to school during the day and left with the school office for 72 hours, who will hand them out to the staff.

School News

Miss O'Reilly gave birth to a baby boy this morning. We do not have name as yet. He arrived slightly early, but both mum and baby are well.

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

