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To all the children at St. Mary's,

It has been so long since we have seen some of you and we can't wait to see you all in September.

Don't worry be happy!

We don't want you to worry about coming back to school –it is very safe and still looks friendly. We are not wearing masks or special clothes, so we still look the same and we will all have huge smiling faces when you see us on Tuesday, September 8th. We are cleaning a lot and you will have to use hand sanitiser or wash your hands more, but we have outside sinks now to make this easier.

During the first two weeks, you will be having shorter lessons and more time outside. This will get you ready to get back to learning. You will still be taught all of your lessons and we will teach you a lot of new things and we will remind you of the things you were taught before we went into lockdown.

Today is the last day of term and we are working hard to get the classrooms ready for your return. The classes in years 2-6, have to have the seats and desks in rows all facing the front. It means that we are not facing each other and will stop us spreading germs. Some of you are used to this arrangement anyway so it won't be that strange.

The classrooms will still have most of the furniture and displays up, so they are bright and colourful. You will have your own pencil case in your tray and you will keep your English, maths and RE books in your trays. This will mean that your books and equipment will stay safe and it means that you will get your own glue stick!

We have told your families who your new class teacher will be. Here is a reminder.

Reception: Mrs. Riley
Year 1: Miss Readman with Mrs. Colley helping you some of the time.
Year 2: Miss Mowbray
Year 3: Miss Stobbs (she is new to school, but Miss Mowbray has told her all about you)
Year 4- Mrs. Smith
Year 5- Miss McManus
Year 6- Mrs. Waite and Mr. Mackley

Mrs. Walker is going to teach across Nursery, reception and year one.

Mrs. Reid is still going to come and teach in your class, this is so your teacher can plan a lot of fun things for you.

Mr. Bourdieu is still going to teach music, but we are not allowed to sing as it may spread germs. It will be very hard for him!



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Bubbles

You may have heard people talking about bubbles, it means that you will be with your class and we can keep you safe as you won't be mixing with a lot of people.

Nursery and Reception children will be able to play together outside.

Year one and year two will be able to play together outside.

Year three and year four will be able to play together outside.

Year five and year six will be able to play together outside.

Each bubble will also use their own toilets and we will not have separate girls and boys' toilets now, apart from years five and six. Where there are unisex toilets (which means both boys and girls), you will not all go to the toilet together, so boys will go with boys and girls will go with girls. You will be told when it is your toilet time, but you will be allowed to go at different times if you are desperate. We will change it back to normal as soon as we can.

P.E

You have a PE day and you now have to come to school with your PE kit on. It has to be a white t-shirt, navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms- no leggings allowed. You can also have a navy tracksuit top on.

Reception- Wednesday

Year 1- Friday

Year 2- Friday

Year 3- Monday

Year 4- Monday

Year 5- Friday

Year 6- Friday

Blended learning

You will hear us talking about blended learning. This just means that we will be teaching you a lot of new ways to use computers and technology in case you have to work from home again.

Collective Worship and Assemblies

We can't get together in the school hall as we can't mix the bubbles. We will try to have Collective Worship and celebration assembly together virtually. That means that we will see each other on the screens in the classrooms. We know that something will go wrong, but we will try!

PE kits currently in school

If you left your PE kit in school, then you can come and collect them next week. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Slack will be here to say hello to you.

Reception/ Year 1- Monday 20th 10am-2pm

Year 2/ Year 3- Tuesday 21st 10am- 2pm

Year 4/ Year 5- Wednesday 22nd 10am-2pm

Year 6- Thursday 23rd 10am-2pm



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Summer holidays

You have a long seven weeks as your summer holiday. When we add that on to the lock down time, it will mean that we haven't seen some of you for nearly half a year. You will have grown so much and we think you will need new uniform!

Items in school

You do not need to bring anything into school with you apart from your coat, a water bottle (that will stay near your seat) and your bag. Your bag must be small and you can take your reading book home. When you bring your reading book back, we will leave it in a pile for 72 hours (3 days) until it goes back on the shelf. This means that we are not sharing germs.

Arriving and leaving school

When you come into school, you will have to come in one gate and your mam, dad or whoever brings you, will have to leave through another gate. It is called a one-way system. It means that no one is face to face with other, and again it will help us to not spread germs. You can bring your bike and scooter into school as usual, but they will need to be kept together within your bubble.

When you are collected at the end of the day, your adult will have to wait in a line on the ground. They are not allowed to wait next to each other. Some of the classes will start school and leave at different times, this will stop everyone being together at once.

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 will not have normal after school clubs straight away. Hopefully we will start them again soon.

Wrap around is now in the main hall. Your mam, dad or family will have to book you in via email now. wraparound@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Dinnertime

Dinner time is going to be different also. Hot food will be in the dining hall and cold food will be in the main hall. You will eat your food in your bubble and we will be cleaning a lot.

If you are in years' reception, one and two, then you cannot bring in a packed lunch. You will be given a free delicious meal. Years' 3, 4, 5, and 6 can bring in a packed lunch, but you cannot bring in a packed lunch box. You must bring in a paper or plastic bag and we will have to throw out or recycle the waste every day. This will stop germs going back to your house.



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Nursery- packed lunch only

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.

Year six

We said goodbye to our lovely year six class on Wednesday and it was very strange but it was still emotional. Year six, you know which teachers cried! I wonder if anyone else can guess!

We are hoping that we will be able to invite year six back again, so that everyone can say bye to them.

Germs!

This letter says the word germs a lot... That is because we know that you understand this. We will be working together to understand more about the changes and how our lives are different now.

Have fun...

We hope that the sun shines over the summer for you all. Try and have fun and keep safe.

See you all soon,
love from everyone at St. Mary's.



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