



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you all safe and well.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to have our usual 'Induction Day' for new classes and classroom staff for the obvious reasons!

Together with Governors, I made the decision not to do 'virtual' Induction sessions via Teams, Skype or Zoom as I did not feel this would give a true picture of how things will be as we currently have different year groups in different classrooms so we can socially distance with our different Pods.

Over the summer holidays as things and classrooms in school return to some sort of new normality, I will be taking films of the different classrooms and uploading to our school website and our different Social Media platforms (I will send a text to signpost you to the pages when the time comes).

In the meantime, I have been busy looking at ways to follow Government and Public Health guidelines in making school safe and secure for ALL year groups to safely return in September.

Whilst the spread of infection is steadily reducing, we still do have to be mindful that it is 'still with us' so we still need to ensure we have effective measures in place. The Department for Education (DfE) and Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, have advised that classes can resume school in September in larger 'bubbles', these being of normal class sizes. However, they still advise against multiple groups of children and also adults gathering within and around school. Therefore, there will be some initial changes. The most significant for you as parents and carers are the changes in start and finish times and the ways in which children will enter and exit school at these times. Please refer to the tables below:

EYFS	Start	Finish	Entrance/Exit
Nursery	9.30am	12.30pm	Top Car Park
Reception	9.10am	3.30pm	Top Car Park

KS1	Start	Finish	Entrance/Exit
Year 1	8.55	3.15pm	Ashmoor Street gate, main Playground
Year 2	8.55	3.15pm	Top Car Park, using class fire exit

LKS2	Start	Finish	Entrance/Exit
Year 3	8.45	3.05pm	Top Car Park, using class fire exit
Year 4	9.10	3.30pm	Ashmoor Street gate, main Playground

UKS2	Start	Finish	Entrance/Exit
Year 5	8.55	3.15pm	Side Gate and Path and Class Fire Door
Year 6	9.10	3.30pm	Side Gate and Path and Class Fire Door



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Please can I also ask that initially, only 1 parent brings your child/children so that we can avoid gatherings on school premises. The main school office will also only be used for emergencies, please phone or email to arrange any meetings, again to reduce possible spread of infection.

Playtimes and lunchtimes are also going to be staggered within different phases of school. We will not be holding whole school Liturgies, Masses or Prayer and Liturgy within school, rather children will still have daily Prayer and Liturgy, but they will be class based. Nor will we be able to have our traditional Breakfast Club. Rather this will be within classes. Unfortunately, After School Club will not be able to run for the foreseeable future, nor will Extra Curricular Clubs. The reason for this is because of cross infection and spread of infection as children from multiple classes or 'Bubbles' attend and again, we have been advised against it.

As I am sure you will agree, the logistics of getting school back on track is going to be a long one and one that will take a lot of planning! However, this is what I am doing 'behind the scenes'! However, what we need to remember is that we are all in this together, as one team, one school family, supporting each other, working with each other and caring for each other. The heart of our school Mission, ethos and vision.

On Monday 20th July, staff are meeting in school for an INSET day, where we will be looking at our new *Curriculum of Recovery and Reconnection* (recovery from being apart, from lost learning, from what life has been like and also reconnecting as a school family, together).

Please remember, the safety of YOUR children and OUR staff comes first in all these ideas and proposals. If we feel anyone is at risk, it won't happen. Please do not worry, please take care and please continue to stay safe. I would also like to state that this information is provisional, in that it might change over summer depending on Government advice, however, I will keep you informed at all stages.

Thank you as always for your continuous support, care and helpfulness, especially in recent months.

With kind regards,

Annalisa Howarth
Headteacher

*** Please note, this could change as a result of Government guidance and advice ***