



## HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"a place where we pray together and everyone is important"

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Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you all back to school. The children have returned looking immaculate in their uniforms and have shown outstanding manners and behaviour. Thank you children – well done and keep it up!

I was delighted to see you all and thank you for your patience and helpful advice regarding our new start and end of the day procedures. We have tweaked it slightly and this week we will monitor how it is working and make changes if needed in the interest of pupils needs and at all times pupil safety.

Please remember;

- One adult only is allowed to enter the playground.
- To arrive at your allocated time and form a queue. This ensures the pathways are clear for the year group entering.
- To leave promptly. Government advice is not to remain near the gates in small groups and adhere to social distancing.
- To avoid driving onto Mallard Close. This is for the safety of everyone. The Church car park and public car parks are available.

**Fruit Scheme** - We are awaiting further information regarding our daily delivery. Until we have more details please send a piece of fruit with your child for their break time.

On Friday you will receive by email a copy of your child's Year Group information. This is especially important this year as face to face contact is not available.

Please check your child's PE day. Whilst the weather is warm enough we are allowing pupils to come to school in their PE kits. You will be informed when this changes and we aim to return to our usual approach as soon as possible.

Please make active use of the email system to get in touch. We will be introducing Parent Mail very shortly. This will assist in messaging, information sharing and paying for dinner money, uniform and trips. Until then please do check your emails and phone for messages.

We are continuing to follow Government and Public Health England advice. This is paramount in ensuring the health and safety of pupils, families and staff.

All children are expected to attend school every day. It is vital so that we can ensure that we close the gaps in learning due to the time that they have missed. If your child is ill you must follow the school policy which is to phone school by 9:00am. We need to keep accurate records of reasons for absence.





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### Who SHOULD NOT attend school?

1. Any staff, young people and children who are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of, or change in normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). IF A CHILD IS UNWELL, THEN PLEASE ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION GIVEN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
2. Staff or young people and children who have someone in their household who has coronavirus symptoms.

Thank you to those families who have followed the NHS Test and Trace advice. Please make sure you follow all such advice. This may include having a Covid test and following advice from your GP or other health professionals.

### Please be aware

If a child/member of staff presents with symptoms they will be directed to take a test, returning to school if the test proves negative and isolating for 14 days if positive. The worst case scenario may see certain year group bubble have to isolate at home. I pray that it will not come to this and that the children will not have to miss any more school.

Please make sure your contact details are up to date and correct in case we have to contact you.

We look forward to meeting our new Reception children as they join us for their play and stay session this week. We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Today our live streamed Gospel Assembly was from the Gospel of St. Matthew - the Parable of the Sower. We shared how important it is for our hearts to be good soil and allow the Word of God to live in our thoughts, deeds and actions. As we begin this new school year let us challenge ourselves - both adults and children to have hearts of good soil.

Have a great week.

God bless,

*R A Girling*

Mrs R A Girling  
Head Teacher

