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Executive Headteacher: Mrs. S. Hulme

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## Welcome back to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we are delighted to be planning for the school to be fully open from next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have missed the children very much. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. From 8<sup>th</sup> March attendance is mandatory and the usual rules regarding attendance will apply.

Routines and measures will be very much the same as those in place from last September, during the autumn term. Children should come to school in full school uniform and must bring their PE kit in on the first day. The reading scheme book routine will resume.

Dinner arrangements remain the same. Junior children are allowed to bring in a piece of fruit for break time and the infant children will have their usual fruit distribution. Milk options will once again be available, please register online via Cool Milk.

We sincerely hope that we will now have the children back in full time continuous education for the rest of this academic year. We look forward to putting our recovery plan into action, including assessing every child's emotional and learning needs. To do this over the first few weeks we will take time to 'reflect, rebuild and renew' within the curriculum as we support the children returning to the routines of school life, enabling them to be secure and ready to progress with their learning. Teachers will of course continue to conduct assessments in a range of forms. The intention of this is to identify any gaps in learning and knowledge and to consolidate key skills in preparation for the following academic year.

Orchard childcare will be resuming their before and after school provision from the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We are hoping that external After School Clubs/activities will restart in the Summer Term and details will follow in due course. Individual Peripatetic music lessons will commence from Monday and you will receive further communication from the relevant teachers.

Measures and risk assessments have once again been carefully considered to ensure maximum protection for the children and staff of St. Mary's, as well as the pupils who attend St Philomena's and our wider family groups. It is really important that we respect all who share the school sites.

To repeat the previous polite requests:

- Only one adult is allowed on site with their child
- Arrival should be on the entry and dismissal times only. To prevent a buildup of numbers within restricted areas please do not arrive early. This will allow for parents to circulate safely, making for a better flow with consideration also for the students of St Philomena's so they can enter their school without being in larger crowds (government guidance emphasis's this).
- No adults are allowed to wait on any playground, these areas need to be free for the purpose of those passing through.

(Designated Child Protection Officers:

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Hulme & Deputy Headteacher Mrs. Quinn)

[Safeguarding Statement](#)

This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.



- Adults should obey signage as to where to wait or keep moving.
- All adults must wear a fitted face mask or make prior arrangements with the school Senior Leadership team if unable to wear a mask.
- All children and adults must remain on the pathways. (No children or adults are allowed within the area of the Water Tower, situated in front of the junior school - this is not school property and has a preservation order, which we all need to respect)
- No cycling or scooting is allowed on any part of the school grounds.
- The lakebed is very full - please supervise children around this area.

Please let us continue to pull together to make this work for all involved and please be the one who sets the best examples especially to our children.

A further and very important reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive.
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive.
- Is a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school** they should continue to learn from home until further notice. If your child is in this group, please contact a member of the Senior Leadership team to discuss.

There has also been some reporting about testing for children and families at home, information can be found on the link included below:

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#)

The drop off and collection times will be those used in the autumn term: -

Year Groups	Entry time into school	Drop off and collection point	Time for collection
Nursery	8.55 am (morning session) 12.15 pm (afternoon session)	Gate 5	11.55am (AM) 3.15 pm (PM)
Reception	8.40 - 8.50am	Gate 4	3.15 pm
Year 1	8.35 - 8.45am	Gate 2 (Main front gate)	3.15 pm
Year 2	8.35 - 8.45am	Gate 6	3.15 pm
Year 3	8.30 am	Walled Courtyard- front of school	3.15 pm
Year 4	8.30 am	Lower Playground via ramp	3.15 pm
Year 5	8.30 am	Upper Playground using pathway below MUGA to external classroom doors	3.15 pm
Year 6	8.30 am	Upper Playground using upper pathway behind MUGA to external classroom doors	3.15 pm
NB . Collection time on a Wednesday for all year groups			2.05 pm

Please accept our apologies for a very lengthy letter but it is important that we communicate as much as possible at this point. If you have further queries, please include these in an email to the school office and we will do our best to answer them prior to the start date.

Wishing you all a healthier few months ahead and hoping that the children soon relax back into the school routine.

May we all join our prayers asking for the good Lord to look over us as we once again come together in our holy learning community.

With kind regards

**Mrs Hulme MA, NPQH**  
**Executive Headteacher**