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Dear Parents/Carers

Reopening Arrangements for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Over the last 10 days, we have been working extremely hard with colleagues from other local primary schools, as well as those within our Multi-Academy Trust, to plan the reopening of our school as directed by the government on Monday 1st June 2020. These arrangements are outlined below as questions.

What is the length of the school day?

The typical school day will be reduced by around an hour to allow for additional deep cleaning of learning spaces to take place. We will be 'staggering' the start and end times of the school day to reduce the number of people in a space at one time. We will also be using multiple entrance and exit points, to once again, reduce the number of people in a space. Below are the start and end times for each year group:

	Start (am)	Finish (pm)
Reception	9.00	1.50
Yr 1	8.50	2.00
Yr 6	8.40	2.10
Key Worker	8.30 onwards	3.15

Will the school be offering before and after school clubs?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer any clubs during this time. This is to reduce the number of people both children and staff share a space with.

Will all children return at the same time?

We will be gradually increasing the number of children each day to ensure that we can reopen the school as safely as possible. Below is how we will increase the year groups who will be attending:

- Monday 1st June 2020 – Reception and key worker children
- Tuesday 2nd June 2020 – Reception, Year 1 and key worker children
- Wednesday 3rd June 2020 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and key worker children

Will social distancing be followed?

We have put in many measures to support social distancing amongst the children. These include:

- 2m distanced tables in classrooms
- 2m distanced markings around the school and on the playground for lining up
- One-way system for movement around the school

Who will the children be learning with?

We have arranged for children to remain in 'social bubbles' throughout their school day. The children will stay within this group of children (between 8-10 in each group), and adults all day to reduce the number of people they interact with.



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Who will be teaching my child?

We will be aiming for all children to have a familiar adult working within their 'social bubble'.

What will the children be learning?

We will be aiming to continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for our children; however, this will need to be delivered at a distance. Seesaw will continue to be used to set learning for all children, therefore allowing those children who are not attending school to still be able to access the same learning. We will look to use the outdoor space as much as possible during this time as encouraged in the DfE guidance issued to Primary Schools.

How will lunchtime take place?

Lunchtime will be staggered to ensure that no social bubble is in the same place at the same time. The school kitchen will remain open and any children having a school meal will collect their meal using the social distancing markings. Lunches will be eaten either in their classrooms or in the hall.

Is school uniform needed?

Ideally, we would like all children to attend school wearing their school uniform. If your child has grown out of items of their school uniform over the last few months then these may be replaced with items of 'home clothing'. Children will do PE sessions in their uniform, but you may send them with trainers for this activity. As we are now in the Summer term, please ensure your child has a sunhat and that you have applied sunscreen before school.

Will key worker children be allowed to attend?

Yes, we have arranged for provision for key worker children to continue as it has been during the period of school closure.

What will playtime be like?

Break time and lunch time will be staggered to ensure that no social bubble is in the same place at the same time. A small amount of plastic play equipment will be made available to children. At the end of each break time session, this equipment will be cleaned ready for the next social bubble. We will be encouraging children to play a range of games that support social distancing.

Will I be fined if my child does not attend school?

Fines will not be issued during this partial reopening.

What hygiene measures have been put in place?

A full disinfectant clean of the school will be taking place over half-term. Additional daily disinfectant cleaning will be taking place once school is open. Hygiene stations have been placed around the school and in each class room. Each child will be issued with their own set of learning resources, therefore ensuring that no resources are shared between children. Frequent hand washing will be taking place throughout the day. Additional lidded bins have been placed in classrooms.

How will first-aid be administered?

We will be following our usual first-aid procedures. There may be times, if lengthy care is required, that staff wear some form of protective clothing: gloves and mask.

What happens if a child or adult shows COVID-19 symptoms?

The individual will be isolated within the school and they will need to be collected immediately from school. All children and adults who have worked with that child (inside that social bubble) will then be required to self-isolate. The child/adult showing symptoms will need to access a test to see if they have contracted COVID-19. If the test returns as negative, all children and adults will be able to return to school. If it returns as positive, all children and adults will need to continue to self-isolate.



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Has a risk assessment be carried out?

Yes. A full risk assessment has been completed and approved by the governing body. This has been developed in line with Local Authority guidance. If you wish to view this it can be found on our website.

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Policies+%26amp%3B+Documents&pid=28>

Are parents allowed on the school premises?

When we reopen, only school staff will be allowed onto the school site. Children will be dropped off at the school entrance points and collected from there at the end of the day. If any parents need to discuss any issue with the class teacher, we ask that this is done via email or telephone.

Is there anything we can do at home to help?

We would recommend that you speak to your children about what they are likely to expect when they return so that they are fully prepared for these changes. Also, we would urge that you all continue to adhere to the current government guidance on social distancing to ensure that the children continue to only interact with their households.

If you have any further questions in addition to what has been covered here please feel free to contact the school office and we will aim to provide an answer.

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times, please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Regards,

Mr Cooper
Headteacher



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