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Dear Parents/Carers

### **September 2021 Arrangements**

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and your children are looking forward to returning to, or starting at, Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School. Over the summer we have been working hard to prepare for the children's return ensuring that it is as safe as possible in accordance with the updated DfE's school operational guidance. Before the holidays, we sent out an overview of what you and your child can expect. This has been slightly updated as the guidance has changed somewhat, therefore please take the time to carefully read through the information below.

#### **What is the length of the school day?**

We will return to our 'typical' school day with all children arriving at the same time as there is no longer the need to stagger the children's entrance to school.

#### **Start of the school day**

- 8.45am the school gate (located next to the school library) will be opened and all children are invited onto the school grounds. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to be dropped off at the school gate and to make their own way on to the playground. Adults may accompany their child if they need to speak with the class teacher. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 must be accompanied by an adult onto the playground who should wait with them until the bell is rung.
- 8.50am school bell is rung and the children make their way into class.
- 9.00am the school gate is closed. If your child arrives after this time, please head to the school office.

#### **End of the school day**

- 2.55pm the school gate is opened and parents can enter the school playground.
- 3.00pm Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be brought to the playground door and handed over to adults by their teacher.
- 3.15pm Key Stage 2 children will be brought to the playground door and handed over to adults by their teacher.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk to/from school on their own if written permission is provided by parents.
- 3.20pm school gate is closed.

As always, Mrs Robertshaw and I will be outside the school to support families at the start and end of each school day.

#### **Will the school be offering before and after school clubs?**

Breakfast Club will continue to take place with a start time of 7.50am. Please speak to the office to register. Simply out of School will start at 3.00pm for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and 3.15pm for Key Stage 2. It will be open until 5.45pm each school day. These clubs will start on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Both clubs will continue to take place in the school hall so please drop off and collect via the school office. In line with the government guidance there will no longer be separate class bubbles and children will be freely mixing with other children from across the school. We will also be continuing to offer our after school clubs e.g. football, arts and crafts, computing etc. More information on this will be shared at the start of term.



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### Will social distancing/bubbles continue to be in place?

Social distancing and bubbles will no longer be a requirement in school settings. Children, classes and adults will be free to mix with one another throughout the school day; however, adults will be keeping some distance between themselves in and around the school building.

### Who will be teaching my child?

The staffing arrangements are as follows:

| Class Bubble | Staff  |
|--------------|--|
| Reception    | Mrs Lopez, Mrs Wilson Mrs Guy-Double and Mrs Deubert |
| Year 1       | Mrs Nash, Miss Jackson and Miss Bandaranaike         |
| Year 2       | Mrs Curtis/Mrs Bailey and Mrs Flatt                  |
| Year 3       | Miss Houghton and Mrs Cunnington                     |
| Year 4       | Mrs Longden and Mrs Chilvers                         |
| Year 5       | Miss Hayes and Mrs Culleton                          |
| Year 6       | Miss Spaven and Mrs Stokes                           |

### What will the children be learning?

As outlined in the DfE school's guidance, our curriculum will focus on identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics): identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely while developing their knowledge and vocabulary. We will also make sure that children experience a broad curriculum offer and that all children will have experience of a full curriculum across the year.

### How will breaktime take place?

Break times will continue to be staggered for each phase e.g. Year 1 and Year 2 will have playtime together. We have felt that playtimes have been more enjoyable for the children with fewer children using the playground at the same time.

### How will lunchtime take place?

Lunchtime will continue to be staggered for each phase e.g. Year 1 and Year 2. The feedback from the children is that they have enjoyed having less children using the playground at any one time and having more time to eat their lunch with their friends. All children will return to eating their lunch in the school hall.

### What will the children need to bring to school?

Children may continue to bring their school items in a rucksack which can then be easily stored in their locker/on their peg. Children should bring their school water bottle with them each day. Children in Years 1-6 are not required to bring their own stationery to school. However, children in Year 6 may bring their own stationery in a pencil case for use in school.

### Is school uniform needed?

You recently received a school uniform information update, so please ensure that all aspects of this are followed at all times. On PE days, we will continue to ask that children attend school wearing their PE clothes. Once again, the feedback from children has been that this has been of great benefit and resulted in more PE time. PE uniform guidance was also shared recently, so please ensure that all aspects of this are followed at all times.

### Will school trips take place?

We expect that our usual trips and visits will take place throughout the school year. Year 4 and Year 6 residentials are scheduled to take place in the Autumn term and swimming for KS2 will restart.



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

All children and adults should continue to follow the public health advice. Anyone displaying a symptom must not come to school and book a PCR test. If anyone tests positive they should self-isolate following the public health guidelines in-line with current government advice. Only children or adults testing positive for COVID will be required to self-isolate. Those under 18 years old or those adults who are fully vaccinated no longer need to isolate if they have come into contact with a person who has tested positive. Alternatively, they are strongly encouraged to take a PCR COVID test. If any child does need to self-isolate, remote learning will commence via SeeSaw/Tapestry. In line with DfE guidance, we have developed a Contingency plan in the case of a COVID outbreak in school. This can be found here: - [COVID OUTBREAK PLAN](#).

### **Are any risk management measures remaining in place?**

A full school risk assessment will remain in place focusing on the areas outlined in the school's guidance. This risk Assessment can be found here: - [COVID RISK ASSESSMENT](#). Below are a small number of the additional risk management measures that will remain in place:-

- Staff will continue to take part in the Lateral Flow testing programme.
- Staff will continue to maintain a distance from one another in and around the school building.
- Continue to ensure good hand hygiene for everyone with frequent washing and sanitising taking place.
- Maintain the increased cleaning regime.
- Keep classrooms and shared spaces well ventilated.
- Follow all public health advice on testing, isolation and management of confirmed COVID cases
- CO2 monitors to be installed (Estimated Oct 2021)

### **Are parents and visitors allowed on the school premises?**

Each morning parents will be allowed on to the school playground as outlined earlier. If at any time you need to approach the school office, we ask that a face covering continue to be worn inside the school building. Throughout the school year, we aim to be able to invite parents, families and visitors in to share key events in our school calendar e.g. school productions, sports days, assemblies etc. Initially, we will be taking a very cautious approach to this and until further notice, assemblies and masses will take place online. We also ask that parents continue to keep a distance when speaking with staff. Further information about future events will be shared as the school year progresses.

If you have any further questions about any aspect of our September 2021 arrangement, please feel free to contact the school office or see Mrs Robertshaw or myself at the beginning or end of the school day.

Have a great weekend, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday.

Regards,

Mr Cooper  
Headteacher



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