



St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Monday 15th June 2020

Dear Parents

We have received today the following guidance from Lancashire County Council:

Our Director of Public Health has revised his guidance about schools reopening to more pupils and we can now encourage you to take the decision to open more widely to pupils from 22 June if, having undertaken your risk assessment, you consider yourself ready to do so.

*Dr Sakthi Karunanithi had issued blanket guidance to schools to delay wider opening to more pupils, because his professional view was that two of the government's five coronavirus tests were not being met in the county. However, a reduction in the rate of confirmed coronavirus infections combined with our readiness to support the local implementation of the national NHS Test and Trace Programme means that enough progress has now been made to revise this advice. **It is important to stress that the prevalence of coronavirus is still higher in Lancashire than elsewhere in the country so the room for manoeuvre is limited.***

This means that from next Monday we can start to welcome the children back to school as we had planned to do before half term. Our key worker group has grown a great deal since half term so we are more used to dealing with larger numbers. Therefore as everything is organised, we would like to welcome the year groups R, 1 and 6 a little more swiftly than we planned. Therefore those that had opted to return in Year 6 can start Monday, Year 1 on Tuesday and Reception on Wednesday. All of these groups are under the magic number of 15; the maximum number allowed in a year group bubble. If you stated on the survey that you would only send your children if you had to return to work and have subsequently returned to work, please email office@st-marymagdalen.lancs.sch.uk or ring school to talk to myself or Mrs Woosey and we will ensure they are on the class register.

Will all parents please be aware that in bubbles of 15 in class children are not 2 metres away from another child. We will do our best to ensure they learn to respect distance especially from adults.

A couple of parents who have children in Year 6 and are not planning to send them back have asked about transition. I will be in touch about this as we want to make sure those at home do not miss out on anything. This may involve Zoom or even socially distanced meets on the field if the weather is good.

As you will be aware the government have advised that the other year groups will not return this term. So please continue to engage with the Zoom assemblies and class meets and of course the





online learning. Oh how I long for the day when we can all get back to school! (I hear you echoing this from here. 😊)

Financial help

I have put on here a number of times the link for registering free school meals. It may be that you do not qualify but are going through a temporary period of hardship. Please get in touch with me if this is the case as there may well be something I can do to help.

Retirements

This period of time has given many people the time to reflect on life and make life changing decisions. Two of those people work for us. Both Mrs Elsdon, teaching assistant and Mr Bond, site supervisor have retired in this period. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every happiness for the future. We thank them for all of their years of service to our school.

<h1>Shout Out Wall</h1>	
Reception	Raphael Harvey – For a brilliant mathematical spiral Jake Cuming – For a fantastic gingerbread man
Year 1	Austin Burgess – Fabulous effort with every piece of work this week. Edith McEaney – Super sentence work about Jack and the Beanstalk.
Year 2	Maisy Carr – Detailed and accurate work on the life cycle of a butterfly. Declan Jacques – Excellent computer coding work to get his fish to move and his bubbles to pop.
Year 3	Olivia Dos Santos – for a super piece of writing on Tutankhamun’s Tomb. James Taylor – for including lots of interesting facts in his fact file about Tutankhamun’s Tomb.
Year 4	Bethany Taylor for super thoughtful RE work about Pentecost. Henry Burgess for his excellent coding work to guard his castle!
Year 5	Daniel Blanchard-Etuk for an excellent and thought-provoking poem about equality.





	Ciaran Lester for gathering and presenting data and creating an informative PowerPoint based on our topic.
Year 6	Zak Belshaw for his data collection work and Matthew Lakatos for consistently engaging with his home learning tasks

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support. I know that this period has been frustrating for many as you juggle home learning and other responsibilities. Our parental community has been so wonderful throughout this strange time and your messages of encouragement, gratitude and support have been appreciated much more than you will ever know.

Take care of each other.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gallagher

Jesus let your light shine through, in all we think and say and do. Amen.

