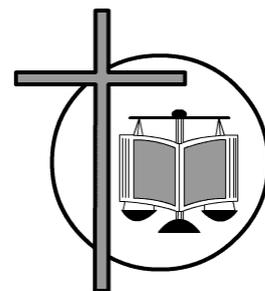


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Dear Parent/Carer

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL

We are delighted to tell you that we have now received confirmation that we are able to start to transition children back to school. However, due to the recent change in Government guidance, we will now be starting with our **Year 1 children from Monday 29th June, not our Y2 children as we had previously advised**. We will also continue to operate the 'Hub' for our key worker and vulnerable children. We currently do not foresee that we will have capacity to take any more children before the Autumn term begins in September. However, if this situation changes we will notify you as soon as possible.

We are contacting parents today to ask if your child will be attending school from the 29th June. We will also talk through the class bubble your child will be in, start and finish times and how you will enter and exit the school grounds. Please also see the attached power point which will give you and your child an idea of what changes have been made to school and prepare them for their return.

The children will be organised into class 'bubbles' of 15 – their normal class will effectively be split in half – and they will be grouped according to friendships as much as possible. The new Year 1 'bubble classes' will use the classrooms in Year 2 and Year 1 and the children will be taught by a teacher and a teaching assistant from across the school – not necessarily their own class teacher.

The children will stay within their 'bubble' throughout the day and will not mix with other classes; playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and the children will have their own special 'work packs' that have been created to minimise communal sharing of resources. The school has been thoroughly cleaned and there are hygiene packs in every classroom and risk assessments in place.

Start and finish times of the day will also be staggered in order to reduce the amount of 'traffic' on the playground. **It is extremely important that everyone sticks to the times that are set. We will inform you of your times when we call you. No children will be admitted as 'late' through the main office entrance once the gates have been closed. If you do arrive late, your child will not be able to attend on that day.**

We have set up a one-way system on the playground and have marked the floor with colour coded arrows to direct everyone to their classroom doors – again it is extremely important that these markers are followed. There will, unavoidably, be 'pinch points' on the playground – please ensure that you remain socially distanced at all times.

We ask that the children wear school uniform. However, if they have had a growth spurt, please do not buy new – just speak to the class teacher and let them know.

The children should also bring in a healthy packed lunch every day. If you are unable to provide a packed lunch and you do not receive FSM vouchers, please let us know as we will be able to provide a packed lunch for your child. **The Free School Meal Voucher system will continue for eligible families until the end of August. If you believe you are entitled to FSMs, please follow this link: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>**

We look forward to welcoming back our **Year 1 children**, and are very excited to be able to spend the last few weeks of the Summer term with them.

Kind regards

Mrs Melia/Miss Suffield
Headteacher