



## **St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday enjoying the weather and the family time. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back this Thursday 1st of September, alongside some new faces, excited to begin their school journey at St. Mary's school.

I just wanted to write with a few brief details of what to expect as we still find ourselves in unusual times so that you can feel ready for the new school year ahead.

Although many restrictions have been lifted, I recognise that we all have different comfort levels and as such we must take measured steps to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the pupils, staff and families at St. Mary's school.

In the morning, we will ask pupils to resume lining up. We will not have Bubble starts times and school starts at 08.55 promptly for all pupils. In order to minimise large groups and ensure pupils have the opportunity to settle back into school calmly, we will ask that class 3 continue to access school via the hall entrance where they will be greeted by Mr. Catterall and Mrs. Royles. We will ask that class 4 enter their classroom via the staircase as they have been used to doing.

Staff will be out early on the first day to welcome children back and be on hand to show children where to line up, especially our new reception pupils. Classes 1, 2 and 4 will be spaced out on the yard and cones will indicate where pupils should line up.

As always for health and safety reasons pupils will return to the yard at home time and must be collected by an adult. Class 3 will come out via the rear entrance. We will not allow pupils to leave the school grounds without an adult. If a different adult will be collecting, please do contact the school office.

We will ask that only one adult per pupil attends wherever possible and older siblings do not enter the yard if possible.

Pupils will still be supported to maintain all the measures we have in place such as handwashing. They are welcome to bring a personal hand sanitiser gel in, which they can keep in their trays. As a school we will keep all the measures in place such as our risk assessments, additional cleaning measures etc.

Pupils may return to bringing up bags from home- we ask that you minimise the items brought in for home- drinks bottle, snack, school books etc. Pupils do not need their own stationery items.

We will provide all pupils with books and initially we ask that you continue to return these each Monday.

We would ask if you could continue to contact us by phone, email etc. and minimise the times you come into the school office. Mrs. Dewhurst joins our team whilst Mrs. Lofthouse recovers and will be happy to help as will anyone of our team.

The wearing of face coverings are optional and we recognise that some staff and families will continue to wear these.

Once again, I thank you in advance for your support. Our priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of all of all and as such we want to be very sensible in supporting the children to return to school, managing different comfort levels of all and the ongoing Coronavirus risk.

I look forward to seeing you very soon. As ever if you have any questions or queries please do get in touch.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Brogden