



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Wider School Reopening**

I am delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to offer places to children who are not vulnerable or children of key workers. The year groups the government have asked us to bring back first are Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to extend this offer to children in Y2, 3, 4 and 5.

If your child is in one of the eligible groups and you wish them to return on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, please email [stjohnfisher.de@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stjohnfisher.de@knowsley.gov.uk) by **12pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. Children who are already attending because they are children of key workers or are classed as vulnerable, do not need to apply again.

Please be aware, that we have a maximum capacity for the number of children and adults we can have in school. Once that capacity is reached, we cannot offer any further places.

Once we know how many wish to return, we will email you back to let you know if there is a place available for your child. You should not come to school next week unless you have received confirmation from us.

## **School Routine:**

As of next week (29<sup>th</sup> June), there will be some changes to the school day for ALL pupils attending school. The most important ones being:

- Staggered start and finish times due to increased numbers (8.45am-9.05am and 2.45pm-3.05pm)
- School finish on Fridays between 12pm and 12.30pm for deep cleaning
- All children entitled to free school meal and who are attending school will be provided with a school packed lunch (vouchers will continue for those eligible but not attending school)
- Children in Y1-Y6 attending school will be required to be in school every day
- We are still unable to offer breakfast club and after school club

Please take these factors into account when requesting a place for your child. Once we know how many children will be attending, we will be in touch with more detail around your child's day. Below is some further information for you to be aware of.

## **Late arrival:**

You need to be on time when dropping off and collecting the children. We are working very hard to ensure children and staff remain within their own teaching groups to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. If you arrive late, staff members from another area will have to accompany your child into their classroom which will jeopardise our health and safety arrangements. Persistent late drop off or pick-ups will risk your child's place in our care.

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## Uniform:

School uniform should be worn by all children. It is known that the virus can remain on clothing and materials so we ask that your child wears a fresh uniform each day and would recommend that they take their uniform off as soon as they come home from school. For this same reason, children should not come into school with a bag or book-bag. We will not be sending books or homework home from school. However, if you think your child in EYFS may need a change of clothes during the day, please send them in on their first day back and we will keep them in class.

## Lunches:

Children will remain in their own classrooms to eat their lunch and then go out to play in their own identified area. For this reason, school meals will be a packed lunch option and we are working to provide a good variety each day. If your child brings a lunch into school, it must be in a disposable bag (preferably paper and not plastic) as everything will be collected and thrown away. Again this is to reduce the risk of virus being carried between home and school.

## Classroom organisation:

The guidance issued to all schools recognises that for primary children it will be difficult to apply the 2m social distancing rule 'We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2m apart' (GOV.UK). However, we will do our very best to keep your children safe and we have numerous dynamic risk assessments and procedures to help us to do this. Groups will be organised into 'bubbles' which will always remain apart from each other. This is to minimise the potential spread of any virus across the wider school. The classrooms for the older children have been set up so we have as much space between desks as possible and they will have individual packs of equipment. The younger children will be based in their own rooms with outdoor areas but we have removed some of the furniture and items difficult to easily clean so that there is as much room for them to use as possible.

## Behaviour:

Where a child cannot follow directions from staff around social distancing and keeping safe, they will not be able to attend school. Please ensure you have discussed with your child expectations around social distancing, hand-washing and following instructions in order to keep everyone safe and continue attending school.

The school Code of Conduct continues to apply to us all: At St John Fisher we show Respect and Shine.

## Diagnosis of Covid-19:

If your child does not attend school due to symptoms of Covid, you will be required to take them for a test. Your child will not be allowed to attend school until a negative result has been gained or the isolation period has ended without further symptoms. If a child inside any bubble is tested positive for Covid, the whole bubble, including staff, will be required to self isolate for 14 days.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Forrest

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