

Autumn term 2021 – September return

Dear Parents

School will continue to work under the guidance of Public Health, DfE and Nicholas Postgate Trust to ensure the safe return of all pupils in September. Please be aware that any current plans are subject to change based on any advice that may be provided over the summer break. Although the COVID pandemic has caused much disruption there have been a number of operational changes staff feel will be of benefit to the children moving forward beyond the removal of restrictions. The one way in and out of the school site system, will remain in place, with children leaving parents at the gate on a morning and walking round to class on their own.

As the country moves to Step 4 of the Roadmap, we will continue to manage and prevent the spread of the C-19 virus. Further information will be sent out towards the end of the summer break.

Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory from September.

If your child/children cannot attend school for Covid related absences, school will provide remote education for your child.

Mixing and 'bubbles'

From Step 4, we will no longer group children in consistent groups ('bubbles') or to keep groups apart.

This means that assemblies and larger group activities can resume.

As part of our ongoing strategies to prevent the spread of C19, pupils will be encouraged to maintain good hand hygiene and for respiratory hygiene the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important. Pupils will continue to sanitise on entry and exit to the building and the number of pupils in toilets will be limited.

If there is an outbreak in school we may have to consider the reintroduction of bubbles or to keep groups apart for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups.

Learning, serving, loving with Christ

Headteacher: Miss A McCann

St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School, Cadogan Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6PX Tel: 01642 243400 | Email: enquiries@stalphonsus.npcat.org.uk | Website: stalphonsus.npcat.org.uk



Face coverings

The Government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but **expects and recommends** that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school.

Track and trace

Children will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

You must <u>**not**</u> send your child to school if they are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or if they have had a positive test result.

We very much hope you all have a wonderful summer break. We hope that the sun shines for us all and we all have a well-earned rest.

Thank you once again for all your continued support.

Miss A McCann Head Teacher

Learning, serving, loving with Christ

Headteacher: Miss A McCann

St Alphonsus' Catholic Primary School, Cadogan Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6PX Tel: 01642 243400 | Email: enquiries@stalphonsus.npcat.org.uk | Website: stalphonsus.npcat.org.uk

Part of the Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust