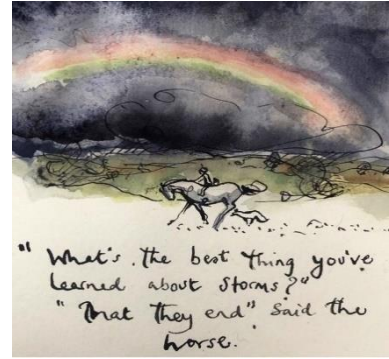


Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the reopening of school on **Monday 8th March** we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils. The whole school community once again has faced many challenges that we could never have imagined. With hard work, determination and resilience from the whole school community - you as parents, extended family members; the pupils; governors; school staff and parish have allowed school to continue to provide a sense of routine and structure, high quality provision in terms of teaching and learning and wellbeing whether at home or in the school building.



We continue to be guided by NPCAT and will continue to follow government guidance. In order to manage effectively the risks that remain, this letter outlines some of the changes and protective measures the government is asking schools to put in place to ensure that we are all safe. We appreciate that this may be an anxious time for you all but rest assured we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. We are here if you have any queries or concerns – please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please read the following information carefully in order to understand the measures and expectations to ensure the safety

of all pupils and staff. As always, systems and protocols will continue to be monitored and reviewed for the safety of all.

Organisation of Classes:

All classes will be organised and operate in class hubs. Classroom layouts continue with desks in rows in Key Stage Two wherever possible. Break and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered throughout the day for each year group hub. Classes will be assigned their own toilet areas and hand washing facilities. Toilet areas will be monitored by staff and stringent handwashing and hygiene measures will be in place throughout the day.

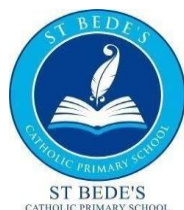
Staggered arrival and departure times:

Our main priority is keeping you all safe when we welcome and dismiss children from our school site. We will continue to use our EYFS and KS2 gates for pupils entering and exiting school. There will continue to be specific arrival and departure times. Staggering these times will continue to help to ease congestion and keep you safe. Please try to follow the times as closely as possible and try not to arrive too early or too late.

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Please can all parents and carers ensure that the following happens so that the school remains a safe place during these times:

- Arrive at the designated time/s for your child/s class
- Only 1 adult per family to drop off and collect children
- Supervise your children - please do not let them wander and play with other children from other class bubbles
- Remember to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- As a school, we strongly advise that face coverings are worn when bringing and collecting your children.

Please see below for a reminder of start and finish times as well as entry and collection points.

Year Group	Entry point and time	Exit
• Family bubble (Years 1-6)	8:30am KS2 gate	2:50pm KS2 gate (School staff will guide your children to the gate)
• Nursery AM	8:30am EYFS gate	11:30am EYFS gate
• Nursery PM	12:15 pm EYFS gate	3:15pm EYFS gate (If in a family bubble, children will leave at 2:50pm from KS2 gate)
• Reception	8:30am EYFS gate	2:50pm EYFS gate
• Year 1	8:40am KS2 gate	3pm KS2 gate
• Year 2	8:45am KS2 gate	3:05pm KS2 gate
• Year 3	8:50am EYFS gate	3:10pm EYFS gate
• Year 4	8:45am EYFS gate	3:05pm EYFS gate
• Year 5	8:40am EYFS gate	3pm EYFS gate
• Year 6	8:50 KS2 gate	3:10pm KS2 gate

Sickness and Attendance

Attendance from 8th March will be mandatory. This means that the legal duty on parents of children of compulsory school age will apply. It is vital that children return to school as quickly as possible for their educational progress, wellbeing and wider development. The attendance of each child will be monitored.

Children will undoubtedly become unwell with sickness not related to COVID-19. However, if your child displays COVID-19 symptoms - has a new continuous cough or a fever, or a loss of or change in their sense of smell or taste, they may have coronavirus. Your child should stay at home, isolate for at least **10 days** and **be tested**. Other members of your household including siblings should also self-isolate for **10 days** from the point when your child first shows symptoms.

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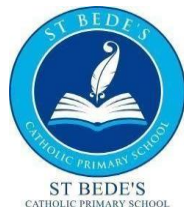
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The best advice here is that if you are unsure, contact 111 for advice or to arrange a test. We will inform parents and carers if there are any positive cases in school. Therefore, it is vital that we have up to date contact details - phone numbers and email addresses. Where classes may have to isolate, remote education will take place via Google Classroom.

If your child is absent from school with Covid-19 symptoms or needing to isolate, a code will be entered into the register and this will not affect their overall attendance. We do ask for proof of test outcomes and track and trace alerts. Our children have missed enough time in school and it is vital that they are in school each day providing they are fit and well.

Bubble Collapse and Isolation Procedures

In the event, that a positive case is discovered in school we will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England. Parents will be sent an email notification clearly stating whether their child has to isolate or attend school as normal. Please note that we can only do this as soon as we receive notification of a positive test result in school. You will appreciate that we cannot disclose whether the positive case was a pupil or member of staff. Children who are isolating must remain at home and not go out in public. They will receive their teaching and learning through our Google Classroom.

School Lunches

The full school menu is available for children and can be viewed on our website. Pupils in Reception and Year One will continue to eat their lunch in the school dining hall. Times for these class hubs will be staggered, in order to allow for the disinfecting of tables in between sittings. Pupils from Year Two to Year Six will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms. If your child usually brings their own packed lunch, they can continue with this arrangement. Please make sure that their lunchbox is clearly labelled with their name and year group. Lunch boxes must go home at the end of each school day. If you pay for school meals, you can use ParentPay to pay for school dinners. They will also have allocated time for playing outdoors – this will reduce the numbers of pupils in the playground and enable the children to keep within their class hubs.

Before School and After School Club:

We are in the process of organising Breakfast and After School wraparound care. More details will be given at a later date.

Parking:

Please be considerate when parking around school at drop off and collection times taking care not to park across resident's driveways. The school car park is for school staff only.

Contact with School:

All contact with school continues to be via telephone and email. Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details and that you are able to be contacted throughout the day. Parents must not enter the school building unless invited or an appointment has been made. If you do

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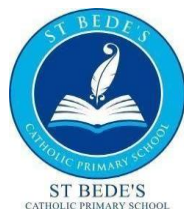
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need to come into the main entrance, we ask that only two adults at a time enter and that face coverings are worn.

Curriculum Planning:

We will continue to provide a challenging and personalised curriculum in all subjects in order to support the needs of our pupils and address the gaps as a result of lockdown. School curriculum planning will be adapted to ensure that all pupils' individual needs are met. Long term planning could include the previous term's objectives to embed the key skills and knowledge and understanding of the previous term's objectives. As part of our Curriculum in St Bede's, we will focus on social and emotional aspects of returning to school; addressing physical activity and equipping pupils with the coping strategies they need for dealing with a very different term than expected. Details of our Curriculum are available on the website.



School uniform requirements and items from home:

Children are required to wear their uniform when they return to school. Ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day. This will need to be taken home with them at the end of each school day. School will provide each pupil with individual stationery packs. Therefore, children will not need to bring in their own pencil cases or stationery. Children are required to come to school in full PE kit on the day PE is timetabled for their class. PE is timetabled as follows:

Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Reception
Year 2	Year 4
Year 3	Year 5
Year 6	Year 6

Finally . . .



Can we just say a huge thank you to you all for your remarkable support and patience during this challenging time for us all. Your commitment to supporting our school throughout this unprecedented situation has been phenomenal. With regards to remote education, your partnership with us has been vital in ensuring the continued education of your children. We know this may have been difficult at times (juggling home life, work and remote education) as all of our experiences of lockdown have been unique to our own

families and you have all faced many challenges of your own. Genuinely, a heartfelt thank you to all involved who have helped the school community to continue to flourish.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Bennett and Miss Ellis

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