

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers

I said I would write to you again once we had a clear picture about how we intend to implement the expansion of our pupil numbers. Our priority has always been about keeping our children safe. Therefore, a thorough risk assessment, taken from government guidance, has now been completed and we are now in a position to share our plan.

As you are aware, school has remained open for the children of critical workers and for vulnerable pupils during weekdays, including holiday periods. The government is now asking schools and childcare settings to plan for a further opening for more children to return to school and has prioritised Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Parents will need to decide whether to follow government advice or not to allow your child to return to school, however it should be taken in to account that children who are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable, due to pre-existing medical conditions, or children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, are not expected to return to school for the time being. **Parents who decide not to send their child back to school until September will not receive any penalty or fine.**

What key measures will we be undertaking at Our Lady's Primary School Primary School?

- Conducting a thorough risk assessment so that we are totally clear how our schools need to be adapted to meet the Government's guidelines on keeping safe.
- Ensuring that group sizes will be no larger than 10 with dedicated members of staff working with each group. This may not be their usual class teacher. Keeping cohorts of children and their group leader together and not allowing them to mix with other groups.

'We learn to love everyone as Jesus loves us'



- Following the Covid-19 guidance on cleaning in non-healthcare settings. This guidance includes very regular handwashing and more regular cleaning within the school throughout the school day.
- Staggering school start times, break times, lunch times and pick up times.
- Zoning the playground so that the groupings remain separate from each other during the school day.
- Using washable play equipment that will be available to each group so equipment is not shared beyond this group.
- Limiting the number of pupils using the toilets or hand washing at any one time.
- Asking all parents/carers to ensure that if their child needs to be accompanied to school, only one parent/carer should attend to do this.
- Requesting that parents/carers/older children do not gather at entrance gates or doors.
- Requesting that Parents avoid travelling to and from school by public transport.
- Promoting social distancing within school as far as we can, with children being outside as much as possible.
- Asking parents/carers to phone or email the school with enquiries rather than calling in to the school office.
- Ensuring that visitors to the school are kept to a minimum.

To ensure the risk of the infection coming into school is as low as possible, you need to follow the following guidelines. Parents are requested to monitor their child's health and if at all unwell your child should remain at home.

- If your child or anyone within your household is confirmed as having COVID 19 Parents/Carers are asked to notify the school immediately.
- Parents/Carers are asked to keep their child/children off school and should self-isolate for 7 to 14 days.
- All other pupils and staff in the bubble to be notified and have to self-isolate for 7-14 days.
- The infected person will be tested before being allowed to return to work/school.

These are extraordinary times for us all. Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children's learning and well-being at home. We miss all our children and look forward to seeing them again as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

Yours sincerely

P McGuffie

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Head Teacher