



Wednesday 20th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Arrangements for pupils returning to school after half term

As you are aware, the Prime Minister has announced that he would like primary schools in England to welcome back pupils in the Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6 from June 1st. We know this may still be subject to change, in light of new scientific evidence and government directives. However, I can now share with you our plan for re-opening to more children after half term.

In discussion with the Diocese, Together for Children and governors, we have agreed to gradually reopen school over a 3 week period. This is to keep numbers low, while we all learn the “new normal” of primary school life. As always, our paramount consideration is how we can keep everyone in our school community, children, their families and our staff, safe.

You will see from this letter, that school will be very different for our children who are returning. However, I would like to reassure parents and carers, that we have thought carefully about how we can support your child through this transition, to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Timetable

Week 1	Starting Monday 1 st June	Reception pupils
Week 2	Starting Monday 8 th June	Reception pupils and Year 1
Week 3	Starting Monday 15 th June	Reception pupils, Year 1 and Year 6

I must stress that we will be reviewing the return of pupils weekly and we will delay inviting more children into school if we consider that it is not safe to do so.

Week 1

Bubble Teacher for Reception Pupils	Start time	Finish Time
Mrs Hayward	08.45am	3.00pm
Mrs Jameson	08.45am	3.00pm
Miss Scott	08.45am	3.00pm
Mrs Hesler	08.55am	3.10pm
Miss Lucas	08.55am	3.10pm
Miss Cardy	08.55am	3.10pm
Miss Maxfield	09.05am	3.20pm

Your child’s new “bubble teacher” will be in touch via ClassDojo to introduce themselves before we break up on Friday.

Risk Assessments have indicated that for us all to be safe, school will look like this for your child:

- Staggered starts and staggered ends of the day to minimise groups of children and parents. This could mean drop off is 9.30 and collection is 2.45 depending on year group.
- Each child must line up on the 2 metre markings outside of school.
- Children must wear clean uniform every day. Children will not be allowed to wear their blazer, as this cannot be washed daily.
- Children will be put into ‘class bubbles’. These will be made up of up to 10 children with a teacher. Children will remain in this “bubble” each and every school day and will not mix with other children or adults for lessons, break times, worships and lunchtimes.

- 1 child to sit alone at a desk, socially distanced from their classmate.
- Your child is likely not to be taught by their usual class teacher.
- Your child may not be taught in their normal classroom.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered; packed lunches will be allowed and eaten in classrooms.
- Socially distancing rules need to be applied at all times so interaction at breaks will not be allowed.
- Only resources that are key to learning, such as pen, pencil, book/paper, scissors etc will be available for your child. They will not be allowed to bring in items from home.
- Hourly hand washing and regular use of hand sanitiser in classrooms.
- Designated times to use the toilet.
- All worships will be class based.
- No carpet time whilst in classrooms.
- Work cannot be marked by the teacher.
- Only one parent per family is allowed on site following social distancing rules.
- There will be no after school clubs.
- One-way system will be operated for entry/exit of the grounds and once inside the school building.
- For Y6 unfortunately there will be no leaver's assembly, party, trips, visits to secondary schools or visits from their secondary teachers.
- If a child has an accident, staff must wear PPE to administer first aid.
- Children who have underlying health conditions and are vulnerable are advised to stay at home.
- Children must not bring **anything** in from home except a packed lunch (if that is what they usually do) in a plastic bag which can be put in the bin after lunchtime i.e. no bags, no toys, no stationery etc.
- KS2 children who normally pay for school lunch must do so using Sunderland City Council Pay for it Service. Guidance for this will be emailed to parents by the school office.
- Our Behaviour Policy will have a COVID19 attachment stating that we will have a zero-tolerance approach. Anyone not adhering to the strict safety rules cannot be at school.

This doesn't sound like Northern Saints at all and is not the way we would choose to teach.

If parents choose not to send their child back to school from 1st June, they will not be penalised or fined.

If you have not already informed your child's class teacher about your intentions for your child to return, please get in touch.

These photos show you the measures we are taking:

Corridors:



Classrooms:



Half-term holiday

On Friday we break up for half-term. There will be no home learning set for the week. Instead, staff and children deserve a break and a rest.

NSPCC

If you or someone you know is struggling during these difficult times, the NSPCC are there to help and support. Call 0808 800 5000, email help@nspcc.org.uk or fill in the [online form](#).

Further information, help and support can be found online at:

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/

NSPCC services are specially developed to help parents during pregnancy and after birth. Find out more about [working with families services](#), including how to get in touch with someone in your area.

Childline 0800 1111 can offer children and young people support to help cope with their worries and concerns over coronavirus (COVID-19). Visit [coronavirus advice hub](#) for tips and advice - from talking to a child worried about coronavirus to taking care of your mental health and much more.

Yours sincerely

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