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Dear Parents, Carers,

I hope you are well in these unusual times. In recent months we have come to terms with a whole new way of living and working. I am continually inspired and motivated by the way St. John Bosco School community has faced these challenges and the resilience we have all shown.

The recent Government guidance on 2nd July allows us all to return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September 2020**. We will be overjoyed to fill our school once again and regain its heartbeat with your children!!

| Entry and Exit | Entrance | Exit |
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| <p><i>We are currently working hard to implement government recommendations. Based on Government guidelines we will be implementing a staggered entry and exit system to promote social distancing and avoid congestion at the school gate. There is a successful one way system currently operational and this will continue in September.</i></p> |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please ensure only ONE adult accompanies children to and from school. ➤ No cars should enter the school car park except for staff and deliveries. ➤ Enter school via the gate in front of the Foundation Stage Unit ➤ Exit school via the pedestrian gate beside the Car Park. ➤ Please ensure you are prompt with your times to avoid congestion and confusion. <p><u>If you have siblings in different year groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring them all together at the EARLIEST START TIME (of your family) ➤ Collect them all together at the EARLIEST EXIT TIME (of your family) | <p><u>Year 6</u> Drop off 8.30am Pick up 3.00pm</p> <p><u>Year 5</u> Drop off 8.40am Pick up 3.10pm <i>(Exit via main entrance)</i></p> <p><u>Year 4</u> Drop off 8.55am Pick up 3.25pm</p> <p><u>Year 3</u> Drop off 8.55am Pick up 3.25pm</p> <p><u>Each year group will follow on from each other so please be patient with our new arrangements.</u></p> | <p>Children in Nursery and Reception will exit via the blue fence in the EYFS area.</p> <p><u>Nursery (morning)</u> Drop off 8.45am Pick up 11.45am</p> <p><u>Nursery (afternoon)</u> Drop off 12.15pm Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p><u>Reception</u> Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p><u>Year 1</u> Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p><u>Year 2</u> Drop off 8.30am Pick up 3.00pm</p> |
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Contacting School

- In order to keep everyone safe, please do not come to the school office.
- If you have a question please contact us by either telephone or e-mail.
- If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact us to make a telephone appointment.
- Please continue to check Twitter and our school website for updates.

If you have any questions about your child's return in September, please contact the school office before 17th July or alternatively we will be available on 27th August and 1st September.

Attendance

- From September, school attendance is once again **mandatory**. If your child is absent, you **must** contact school before 10am to report the reason for the absence.

Masks

- If children attend school wearing a mask they will be instructed and helped to remove it safely.
- If it is a disposable mask it will be placed in a covered bin. If it is a reusable mask please ensure your child brings a plastic bag to place it in so it can be taken home at the end of the day to wash.
- Children will then wash their hands before entering the classroom.

Illness

"If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell they must be sent home and advised to follow Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- They must self-isolate for at least 7 days
- They should arrange a test
- Other members of the family should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms."

Therefore, it is essential we have up to date contact information. Please get in touch with the school office if you have updated your telephone number.

If there is an outbreak in school:

- If there appears to be an outbreak of the virus within school, the authorities will be informed, advice taken and appropriate steps followed. Please note this may include the collapse of a bubble or in more serious cases, the whole school.

If a Bubble teacher displays symptoms:

- The member of staff will be sent home and asked to arrange a test.
- Cover will be arranged for the bubble if possible.
- Parents will be informed as appropriate and next steps discussed.

If a child displays symptoms:

- If a child becomes unwell in school, they will be isolated in the designated area and a parent will be contacted.
- If a child is unwell at home, please do not send them to school. It is your responsibility to arrange a test within 3-5 days of symptoms appearing.
- Parents must let school know if a test has been taken and the results of that test.
- Follow latest government guidelines.

School Meals

- Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue to be provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Free School Meals will continue to be provided for those children who are eligible.
- If you would like to pay for a school meal, please pay online at www.sunderland.gov.uk (we are unable to accept any cash payments) £2.20 per day/£11 per week
- Initially we will be offering hot/cold **packed lunches** as a school meal option. If your child usually has a school meal but you prefer to provide your own, please let us know before 2nd September.

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

- "Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and keep that number as small as possible". DfE***
- Therefore, initially we will be **unable** to offer a Breakfast Club; we will look to reinstate a revised Breakfast Club later in the term.
 - We will try to include After School Clubs in year group bubbles, however these **will not start immediately**; further information will be distributed when the time is right.

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| School Uniform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All children will be expected to return to school in their uniform (available from Little Gems). ➤ School PE lessons will be held outside following Government guidelines, therefore, please provide a suitable outdoor PE Kit. | Online Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We will continue to use Purple Mash, TT Rockstars and Reading Plus (for certain year groups) to set weekly tasks. |
| Year Group Bubbles Teachers/TA's have been advised: <i>"Ideally adults should maintain 2m distance from each other, and from children. In particular they should avoid close face to face contact and minimise time spent within 1m of anyone". DfE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The children will be in their Year Group Bubble and desks will all face the front with children sitting side by side where possible. ➤ There will be minimal movement around the school. ➤ Children will have access to their own set of equipment on their desk. ➤ There will be no 2m social distancing between children in classrooms, however where possible children will be encouraged to keep their distance from each other. ➤ Staff will remain at a 2m distance from colleagues and children as much as possible. ➤ Break times and lunch times will be staggered and children will be able to play together with their own year group but will not be able to mix with other classes or other year group bubbles. ➤ If it is wet outside children will remain in their classroom bubbles. ➤ All children will be expected to follow our school Behaviour Policy, an amendment has been added to take into account the current situation. | Personal Belongings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No mobile phones should be brought into school (if this poses a problem for anyone please get in touch with the school office) ➤ Water bottles may be brought to school for personal use and should have your child's name on. ➤ All pens, pencils etc. will be available in school and will be sanitised each day. ➤ A lunch bag may be brought to school. ➤ An outdoor PE kit should be brought to school on the day your child has PE and will be taken back home on the same day (we will let you know your child's PE day during the first week back). ➤ Coats will remain on the back of chairs in classrooms. No items will be left in cloakrooms. ➤ Nursery and Reception pupils may bring a backpack with spare clothes in e.g. underwear, socks and this can remain in school. |
| First Aid | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Each class bubble will have access to its own First Aid kit. ➤ First Aiders will be available throughout the day. ➤ A separate room is designated and equipped for the event of a member of the school falling ill. ➤ Children falling ill during the school day must be collected by an adult immediately. | |
| Liturgies and Collective Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Daily collective worship will take place in individual class bubbles. ➤ There will be no whole school liturgies, Masses or assemblies. | Cleaning and Hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children will sanitise their hands upon entry and exit of school. ➤ Frequent handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day. ➤ Tables and regularly touched surfaces will be regularly cleaned throughout the day. ➤ Classroom doors and windows will be kept open to aid ventilation. ➤ Shared resources will be kept to a minimum and washed or wiped at the end of each day or after use. |

All of our plans are subject to change before September as we continue to follow Government advice.

We would like to thank you all for your support and kind words over the past few months. Everyone at St. John Bosco School is looking forward to welcoming you all back in September.

God bless and stay safe.

Lianne Peart
Headteacher

'Caring for each other as we live, learn and grow in God's love'

