



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all well and keeping safe. We wanted to write to you to address some questions we have received and to give you some more information on the possible reopening of school in the week commencing 1st June.

On Friday 28th May, we will receive more information from the Government, who will confirm whether UK schools will reopen to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. If the Government confirm that this will be happening, the children will start back at school on 3rd June. This is to allow 1st and 2nd June as staff training days. It is vital that staff are allowed time to be fully trained and to ensure that all points on our risk assessment are in place before the children return. Our main priority is ensuring that school is ready and safe for the children and staff.

Nursery:

- Children in Nursery will begin school at 9:15am and finish at 2:15pm. Staggered start and finish times have been applied across the school, to limit the number of adults and children entering and leaving school at the same time. If children usually do half days, and you can accommodate this, we would encourage this. Morning sessions will be 9:15 – 11:45am and afternoon sessions will be 12:15pm – 2:15pm. We will contact you separately to see what your requirements are, if you have expressed an interest on the questionnaire for your child to return to Nursery.
- Children should be dropped off in the car in the layby outside the Foundation Stage classroom. We ask that parents do not get out of the car so that we can minimise gatherings of adults. A member of the Nursery team will be waiting so that they can guide your child into Nursery. If parents walk to Nursery, we ask that you walk through the school gates with your child and then leave them with a member of the Nursery team outside Nursery. You will not be able to come inside the Nursery or get out of your car, which we understand is very different to our usual routine.
- Nursery children will be in a group of a maximum of 15 children in the Nursery classroom. We are aiming to make the groups smaller where possible, but this



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does depend on staffing and how many children chose to come back to school. The children will remain in their group for the day and will not mix with other groups within the school, to adhere to social distancing as much as possible.

- Lunchtime will be from 11:45-12:15pm. Children will eat their lunch in the Nursery as normal. Please ensure that packed lunch is provided in a disposable carrier bag and that all items in the packed lunch are disposable. This is to ensure that items from home are not brought in and to limit cross-contamination. We will provide drinks for the children so that water bottles do not need to be brought in. We will also provide a snack at break time for the children as we normally do. Please be assured we will be wearing gloves and following food hygiene rules as normal when preparing snack.
- At the moment, staffing is the same, but should a staff member need to shield or become unwell, there may be other staff members from across the school used in Nursery.
- It is vital that children in Nursery can carry on learning through play. Nursery will look different with limited resources as we won't be able to have resources such as sand and play dough out. However, the children will still have access to toys which will be cleaned on a daily basis.
- The children will use the Nursery toilets as usual and they will be free to go to the toilet when they wish but one at a time. We ask that a spare change of pants and bottoms are brought into Nursery and left on their peg in case of accidents please.
- Please ensure children do not bring book bags or toys from home. We have removed various resources from the Nursery to ensure that cross-contamination is limited as much as possible, so we are limiting what the children bring into the Nursery too.
- Staff will not be wearing PPE all the time but they will be required to at times; for example, if your child has an accident, needs a nappy changing or needs first aid. This will be explained to them beforehand.
- Children will be using hand sanitizer and washing hands regularly whilst at school. We will be wiping down tables at break and lunchtimes, and after school a thorough clean of the classroom and resources will take place.
- If your child has any symptoms such as a high temperature or a cough, you will be asked to pick them up immediately. We encourage you to take their temperature daily so that you know they are fit and well to come into school.



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We also have an infra-red thermometer so we hope to be able to carry out temperature checks on arrival, which we do hope gives you some reassurance.

It is important to note that children in Nursery will find it difficult to socially distance. Whilst we will encourage social distancing where possible, realistically it is not going to be possible for most of the time because of the children's natural instincts to play together and be near adults. This is a strange time for everyone and Nursery will look different to the children. Whilst we want the children to feel a sense of normality, this means we cannot guarantee that children will be 2m apart at all times.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. We will be in contact with parents who have replied to the questionnaire sent out. Please ensure you do not turn up on 3rd June unless you have contacted us to say your child wishes to return to Nursery.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Lucy

Assistant Head teacher