



# HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

"a place where we pray together and everyone is important"

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good week and are staying safe and well. We have had a great week here in school.

My thanks for the help and support with our new daily routines. This has proven to be working exceptionally well. A few tweaks to the initial plan have seen all children arrive to school and leave for home safely.

We are currently closing doors at 8:50am – earlier than anticipated and benefitting pupils by maximising teaching time. Likewise the end of day has seen all pupils off site safely by 3:10pm. It is not easy due to the location of our school and the nature of the cul-de-sac but are pleased with how well it is working.

As we welcome our new Reception pupils for their first full week on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will need to adjust times very slightly.

<b>START OF THE DAY</b>			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>ENTER VIA GATE</b>	<b>EXIT VIA GATE</b>
8:30am	1	A	B
8:35am	2	A	B
8:40am	4	A	B
8:50am	RECEPTION	A	A
8:30am	3	C	B
8:35am	5	C	B
8:40am	6	C	B
<b>END OF THE DAY</b>			
<b>TIME</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>ENTER VIA GATE</b>	<b>EXIT VIA GATE</b>
2:35pm	1	A	B
2:40pm	2	A	B
2:45pm	RECEPTION	A	A
3:00pm	5	A	A
3:00pm	4	A	B
2:45pm	3	C	B
3:00pm	6	C	B
Siblings	Arrangements for siblings remains the same.		

**STAFF WILL BE ON SITE TO DIRECT YOU**





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Thank you for following the one way system. It is essential under the revised Birmingham local lockdown guidelines we remember **HANDS - FACE – SPACE**. You are most welcome to and we are encouraging adults to wear masks when entering / exiting the playground.

We have had increasing numbers of parents sharing information with the staff at Gate B which is the **Exit** for leaving the school site. Staff are very busy overseeing the safety of pupils, so please can I remind you that any information you may need to share must either be emailed or telephoned through to the school office. This does not include safeguarding matters which will always take priority. All messages and information will be passed on to the relevant person.

Please do leave the pathway free for queues to form safely with the correct Year Group at the correct time. Arriving at your allocated time will support social distancing and ensure the safety of all.

**Cars** – please do avoid driving down Mallard Close (of course unless you are a resident) or a Blue Badge holder. This is for the safety of the 400 children and their families who require access to crossing the road. The Church car park is free and always available.

### **Bikes / Scooters**

We have seen an increase in children riding to school – great to see you staying fit and healthy. **From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September can bikes / scooters please arrive via Gate C and exit at the end of the day via Gate A.**

### **HOME LEARNING**

Please check your child has taken home and given to you a copy of our HOME LEARNING arrangements booklet. This will be needed should we need to close a bubble or if your child is isolating. If you did not receive a copy please contact the office.

### **Very helpful list of What if....**

Please find attached a very helpful sheet that may answer your Covid illness questions. Further information regarding attendance will be sent out next week.

We thank you for continuing to work with us in these changing times and for being respectful and courteous at all times. Have a restful weekend and do tune in to watch Father Alex's first parish Mass.

God bless,

Mrs Girling





<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check the current <a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>- The person who has travelled <b>MUST NOT</b> leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).</li> </ul>	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><b><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></b></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>