

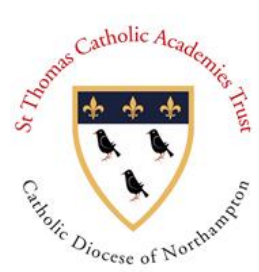


Learning, Growing  
And Living with Jesus

# St. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

In the Diocese of Northampton

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"The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive"

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Dear Parents and Carers

## All children returning to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

You will be aware that the Government has announced that **all** children will be able to return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. We are delighted to welcome our children back to school and I want to reassure you that we have worked hard to put measures in place that meet all the current health and safety guidance. Some of our daily procedures have to change and I am writing to let you know the details of our plan in advance.

### What will happen at the start and end of the day?

#### **Drop off and collection times:**

	Year 2	Nursery (via Church gate)	Year 4	Reception	Year 5	Year 3	Year 1	Year 6
Start of the day	8:15	Group 1: 8:20 – 11:30	8:25	8:35	8:45	8:55	9:05	9:15
End of the day	2:30	Group 2: 12:15 - 3:15	2:40	2:50	3:00	3:10	3:20	3:30

- The times in the table above are there to ensure that children and adults are not mixing with children and adults from other groups. **We kindly ask that you socially distance when dropping your child off. Please arrive promptly at the times given.**
- Please queue at the front of the school using the cones to ensure sufficient distance between groups. We have been operating a one-way system around the site for our partial re-opening since June and this has proved very successful. We will therefore continue with all adults bringing their children to the front gate (apart from Nursery – this will be through the Church gate) and waiting to be allowed access to the site, once the previous group has exited through the Stafford Road exit.
- Staff will be there to support the smooth running of this one-way system.
- Initially all children can access the site with one parent, until children are used to attending school again. We will review the situation after the first week or two, as it is preferable to have as few parents/carers entering the site as possible.
- **Please be on time to avoid mixing with other children and adults – this is vital to ensure safety.**
- No dogs or adult bicycles will be allowed on site.

#### **Bringing Bicycles:**

- We are aware that many children cycle to school – we will trial having the bike sheds open in September but we may need to close them if they become too busy and we cannot ensure safety. Adults dropping off will need to put the bikes in the shed and they must be locked into the shed. As the sheds are by the Stafford Road exit, this can be done whilst walking towards the exit.
- Older children not accompanied by an adult can put their bike in the bike shed once the parents/carers for that group have exited the site. A member of staff will support with this.
- **You must provide a lock for any bike left in the bike shed.**

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School & Nursery has a commitment to safeguarding, and the welfare and wellbeing of children.

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### **If you have children in different year groups:**

- Please bring them at the earliest time in the morning. All class teachers will be ready to receive children from the earliest time. Please collect at the latest time at the end of the day.
- For example, if you have a child in Year 2 and a child in Year 5 – you would drop off at 8:15 and collect at 3:00pm.

### **What is a 'Social Bubble'?**

- Social bubbles at St. Anthony's are different groups of children operating as a group. The children learn in their own classes and socialise together as a group.
- Children in a social bubble will not be allowed to mix with children of other groups.
- Each group will have their own designated breaks and lunchtime together. Each bubble will have designated toilets to use and play spaces.
- We will generally be operating as year group bubbles, with the exception of Years 3 and 4, who will be operating as a bubble together.
- It should be noted that children will largely be in class groups and will usually only mix with other children in their social bubbles for play and lunch. Year 6 plan to set classes for English and maths.

### **What will classes look like in September?**

- Classrooms will be set up in a safe way, in line with Government guidelines, but also in a way that stimulates effective learning.
- Each child will be allocated with their own working equipment such as pens, pencils and books etc. to use during the day. This equipment is not allowed to be shared with any other person. **Please do not send pencil cases etc. in from home initially; this will be reviewed after the first half term.**
- The children will use maths resources and other learning resources which will be cleaned each evening ready for the next day.
- Each classroom will be equipped with anti-bacterial gel, tissues and lidded bins. All classes will have access to a sink to wash their hands regularly.
- Children in Years 3-6 may choose to bring a packed lunch, however initially we do not want children to bring in their book bags. This will be reviewed within the first few weeks. Reading material and homework will still be provided for children.

### **What might the curriculum be like for my child?**

- The children will be taught to learn independently for some of the time for some subject areas. School will feel a bit different but children will enjoy their learning and will be challenged.
- We have created a curriculum for September that takes into account that many children have missed a significant part of their learning from the previous year. We have designed this learning to overcome any gaps and to remind children of learning that they may have forgotten. We will be in contact with families regularly to ensure that learning is shaped around the children's needs, so that they can continue to learn and plug gaps around school hours. We have been very proud of the learning that all of our children have been doing whilst school has not been fully open and we will encourage children to continue to extend their learning whilst at home.
- We will be offering the full range of curriculum lessons where possible.

### **How can we ensure safety and hygiene?**

- Children will be required to wash their hands frequently during the school day and every time they enter their classroom from outside.
- Certain areas of the school will be cleaned more than once throughout the day, where there is likely to be a greater risk (for example toilets, door handles, etc.) Staff will also regularly clean their tables and all areas of the school will be cleaned thoroughly every evening.
- It is not necessary for children to wear face masks.
- If you are plan to travel abroad to a country that is part of the quarantine restrictions, please discuss this with the school office.

### **What will playtime and lunchtime look like?**

- Social Bubbles will spend all their time together. They will eat their lunch in their classroom and they will have their playtimes outside on the playground/field at their designated times.
- Different social bubbles will not be allowed to socialise together at this time.  
If your child is registered for Free School Meals or if they are in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 they will be provided with a school meal. We are finalising our grab-bag menu for September and will share this with you as soon as possible; it is likely to contain a hot meal each day and either way will be balanced and nutritious.
- If your child is in Year 3 to 6, you may provide your child with their own school lunch (no nuts, fizzy drinks or sweets please). You will also be able to pay for school meals through Parent Pay. We are requesting no cash from September for school lunches please.

### **Will after school clubs and school trips be running?**

- We are planning to run after school clubs for children in September, although some of these will have to be run initially on a rotation to keep the social groups separated. We will have to wait for updated guidance regarding singing and choirs before we can confirm whether choir can run next term.
- Where clubs are held outside there may be more flexibility for social groupings.
- We are not anticipating running trips before half term, although we will review this on a case by case basis. We will contact parents specifically about the residential trips scheduled for the Advent Term.

### **Will the school be running Breakfast Club?**

- We will be offering breakfast club but this will need to be pre-booked on Parent Pay, so that we can ensure we are cautious about not mixing social bubbles.
- The number permitted will be limited. Once we release a message to say that the system is open for bookings; you will need to log in to Parent Pay to book your space in Breakfast Club. Antz Kidz is also available for Breakfast Club and After School Club, which is situated in the Church Crypt. If you would like to find out more, please speak to the office.

### **What happens if a child or adult falls ill with suspected Coronavirus?**

- If a child falls ill with symptoms indicating possible Coronavirus, they will immediately be sent home and instructed to get tested for the virus.
- They will be isolated from the rest of the school in the school's designated Covid-19 Room, until they can be collected. This room and the classroom will receive a deep clean after the person has left. The children in that bubble will be removed to another learning area in the school.
- If the person is clear of the virus after testing, they can return to school.
- If this individual tests positive for Covid-19, then all children within the social bubble will be sent home and will have to isolate for 14 days.
- If there is a larger outbreak of confirmed cases then the whole year group could be asked to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Public Health England would advise the school if there was a confirmed case as to the most appropriate course of action.

### **Does my child have to wear school uniform?**

- All children must wear their full school uniform. Children can return in September in their summer uniform if they wish, until October half term.
- There will be an opportunity to collect any ordered uniform from school on set days in August, in preparation for September. If you require any support with ordering uniform, please contact the office. We will contact you regarding the collection date, once we have confirmation from the uniform company.
- Initially, children should not bring in their book bag but should bring in a named water bottle. Children will need to bring in their PE kit.

### **Do I need to send my child back to school?**

- The Government have made it very clear that **ALL** children must return to school in September 2020. If you have any concerns about returning to school, please call the school office and a member of SLT will be happy to talk to you about your concerns.

### **What class group is my child in?**

- All children will remain in the same groups moving up to their new teacher. You should now all be aware of the name of your child's new teacher and should have been invited to a Zoom introduction meeting. We will be sending out transition booklets to every child this week.

We will continue to keep you updated as new advice is published by the Government and the Department for Education.

Please rest assured that the safety of everyone in our school community is the most important thing to us. We will do all we can to keep our environment safe.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming children and families back to school in September. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Siobhan Oppe