



## St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all well at this challenging time.

Following the government announcement that they are aiming for all pupils to return to full time education in September, I wanted to let you know that myself, the SLT and governing body are working very hard to make plans for this to be a reality at St Patrick's school. We have learnt a great deal from the successful wider opening, which started in June and this is certainly helping us in our planning for the safe, full opening. There will of course, still be many changes from the previous "normal" organisation of school life but we know that we can ensure a safe opening in September.

Some of the changes that we know we must make are:

- A staggered start and finish to the school day to ensure we do not have too many pupils or parents at any one time. My aim is to use the initial letter of the pupil's surname for these arrangements so each child in the family can arrive at the same time, rather than class or year group bubble groups;
- NO parents will be able to enter the school grounds, unless they are invited for a meeting where effective social distancing must be adhered to. This will mean communication will be by phone, email or the School App (Please ensure this is downloaded);
- In order to ensure the same amount of learning time for our pupils a slightly shortened and lunchtime will need to be in place, which also has to be staggered. This is also part of the protective measures so that we limit the contact of too many bubble classes.
- Significantly less movement across the school - this has been in place throughout the wider opening and has been very effective.
- No whole school or Key Stage gatherings in the hall for worship or celebration assemblies. No key stage singing sessions.
- Continued increased cleaning across the school - before the school day starts, during the day and after school, in order to be able to open all day, every day and not need to close on a Friday lunchtime which I recognise would pose significant difficulties for many families.

Thank you for your understanding of the significant challenges the essential protective measures pose to the organisation of our wonderful school, and your patience whilst these are all worked out properly and agreed by our governing body, the LA and the Diocese. I look forward to sharing these plans with you all as soon as possible so that we are all ready for a successful and positive start to the new academic year.

With Kind Regards Mrs Clare Moulding (Headteacher)

