

The Cathedral School of St Mary

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Dear parent/carers,

This letter is to outline the next steps we will take as a school and to share as much information with you all as we possibly can. You will no doubt have seen in the news, schools will be open in September and this will be compulsory for all children.

The 'Bubbles'

You may well have seen the word 'bubble' a lot in the news. From September, children will be in their class 'bubbles'. They will be remaining in their bubbles for the foreseeable future until we get notification to change this from the government. This will obviously have an impact on the things we can do, such as coming in and out of school, lunchtimes and breakfast and after-school clubs amongst other things.

Start and End times and procedures

We MUST stagger the times when children come into school and leave school. If you have two children who are in different classes, then you must bring your children in together at 08:30 and collect them at 15:15. If you only have one child in our school, please bring them in and collect them at the times noted.

| | <i>Drop-off Time</i> | <i>Collection Time</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Siblings | 08:30 | 15:15 |
| Class One | 08:50 | 14:55 |
| Class Two | 08:45 | 15:00 |
| Class Three | 08:40 | 15:05 |
| Class Four | 08:35 | 15:10 |

It is imperative that you are on time for this to work.

At the start of each day, we ask you to come into the school grounds keeping to the left as you approach the gate and enter the playground. Here you will head towards the bikeshed following the arrows and return back towards the school (all will be clearly marked out for you). This will create a 'one-way' system and will avoid any contact with others. Along the wall, there will be markers 2 metres apart for you to stand and wait. A member of staff will then invite you to say goodbye to your child as they then enter the school building, wash their hands, and make their way up to their classroom. You will then leave out of the left-hand side of the gate as you exit (this would be the right-hand side as you entered the school grounds).

At the end of the school day, we ask for you to do the same as the morning. The class will be brought onto the playground and lined up 2 metres apart and the adult will send your child to you and you can leave together. Only one parent must attend the school site to drop-off and collect their child. We ask in advance that parents do not congregate for conversations.

Safety in school

Your child's safety is paramount. Inside the school, we will be opening all of our doors to minimise the amount of times surfaces are being touched. We will be operating a one-way system in school which everyone will adhere to. Children may only go UP the staircase by the office and toilet areas, and come DOWN the stairs by the Foundation classroom. This will be shared with children as they arrive on the playground on the first day.

Children may bring their own packed lunch but these will be stored on their own workstations throughout the day. They may also bring sun protection (if this is sun cream, please practise over the holidays as we are not allowed to apply this for them),

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PE Kit, water bottles. They do not need to bring stationery. We will go through all of the new safety rules with the children on the first day back. This will include the fire drill where children will need to evacuate the building whilst still adhering to the social distancing rules.

Uniform

We are really proud of our new uniform and cannot wait to see our children wearing it. Please ensure uniforms are bought from the schoolwear shop on Mayflower Street.

Lunchtime

Lunchtime arrangements will be slightly different to normal. Children in Classes 1 and 2 will have lunchtime at 12:00 - 12:50. Whilst one class is eating in the hall, the other class will have their playtime and will swap over halfway through. Tables and chairs will be wiped down thoroughly before the second class enters the hall. This will be exactly the same for Classes 3 and 4, whose lunchtime will be 12:50 - 13:40.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club will be open on Thursday 4th September at 07:30. I have shared with you in last week's newsletter that there will be costs for attending Breakfast club. Whilst the children are in Breakfast Club, they will be socially distanced and will be placed in sections within the hall to ensure they do not mix with children from other classes. At the moment, we will not be looking to start after-school clubs until after October half-term. If guidance suggests it is safe to do these sooner, we will reconsider and share any updates with you in September.

Learning

We will be carefully planning our recovery curriculum to ensure your child makes significant progress, particularly in the Autumn Term. I imagine many of you are looking forward to the home-learning coming to an end. What I would say though is that you can still be a huge help. Once we are back up and running, teachers will be sending homework home. Home learning will still play a critical part in a child's learning progress so when we send homework out, please do try and get your child to complete it.

Contacting the school/visitors

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building. If you would like to speak with a member of staff, you may request to do so on the playground at the end of a school day from a safe distance but the best option would be through e-mail, dojo or phone conversation. There may be times where visitors will be on site. They will be given clear instructions about our protocols and policies and surfaces such as door handles etc. that they touch will be wiped down and cleaned.

Final note from me

It has been the most strangest of times that the entire global family have experienced. What has been pleasing though is the last seven weeks in school have gone really well. Children have adapted to the new way of school life quickly and have enjoyed their time in school. We have seen more children this week coming into school to meet their teacher - this was brilliant! They have grown up so much in the 3-4 months that we have not seen them, and I am sure they will grow some more before September. Those of you that have been to the school in recent weeks will have seen how we are trying our best to keep it safe for everyone. The main message remains - WASH YOUR HANDS! This is what we are telling children to do before they enter school and as they leave. Throughout the day, they will wash their hands. Some of you (parents and children) will be nervous. If that is the case, please do get in contact with us on our e-mail address during the summer. On behalf of the staff team, we miss you all so much and look forward to seeing some of you again in September.

Take care and God bless.

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