

18/3/2021

Dear Parents

We are delighted that all children will be returning to school on the 22nd March. We are looking forward to seeing them and welcoming them back.

Firstly, I want to say thank you to all of our parents, who have worked so hard supporting their children with their online learning over the past few months. We do not underestimate how difficult this must have been on you all but very well done. Well done also to the boys and girls who worked so hard completing and uploading their work to their teacher. It was a very challenging time and I am very proud of them all.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank the staff of Holy Trinity for providing detailed, challenging, interesting and differentiated online teaching and learning activities throughout the lock down. I know from speaking to many of you, that you appreciated the daily support – both academic and emotional- that you and your child received via the daily SeeSaw and Team messages from staff.

Return to School

When the children return to school the same safety measures and procedures, which were in place from September to December, will be in operation. This will include

- Staggered drop off and collections and staggered break and lunches. This is to ensure a minimal number of interactions in a day for our children, our staff and our parents.
- Classes will be organised into protective class “bubbles” with minimal interaction with other classes.
- Enhanced cleaning of bathrooms and frequently touched surfaces.
- Emphasis on increased handwashing, hygiene and access to hand sanitisers.
- Re-organisation of the classrooms and equipment.
- Restricted access to the school grounds by parents and visitors. Parents will be unable to drop off break and office staff will be unable to pass on a message from a parent to a child.
- Procedures for moving around the school safely.
- Children who deliberately put others at risk through coughing or spitting, will be suspended from school.
- Children who do not come to school, will be marked absent, unless the school has been informed that they are in isolation.

We would ask parents to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting the children and maintain social distancing at all times.

Restart Programme- Start and End of Day

We do not underestimate how difficult a time this also has been for the children. It was, and for many still is, a very difficult time.

We understand that whilst some children are looking forward to starting school again, others are very anxious and worried. Please be assured that myself and my staff are prepared for this and we will work together to ensure that your child gets the care, comfort, support and reassurance they need to return to school. In order to help them to get back into a routine, to adjust to the return to school and to reduce anxiety, we will be operating a slightly shorter day from 22nd March to Easter.

From the 12th April, we will return to normal school hours.

Drop off and Collection Procedures (subject to amendment)

- **Gates will open at 8.45. Parents have been advised not to come to school before their set time**

	Drop Off	Pick Up	Location	
P1 GD (Blue)	8.50	1.20	P1 yard	
P1IMC (Red)	8.50	1.20		
P1RD (Blue)	9.00	1.30	P1 yard	
P1CMC (Red)	9.00	1.30		
P2FO (Green)	8.50	1.20	P2 Courtyard	
P2AC (Yellow)	8.50	1.20		
P2KG (Green)	9.00	1.30	P2 Courtyard	
P2EC (Yellow)	9.00	1.30		
P3CG	8.45-9.00	1.30	Gate A KS1 yard	
P3GC	8.45-9.00	1.30	Gate B KS1 yard	
P3BH	8.45-9.00	1.30	Gate C KS1 yard (left side)	
P3EA	8.45-9.00	1.30	Gate C KS1 yard (right side)	
P4MS	8.45-9.00	1.45	Gate A KS1 yard	
P4NMM	8.45-9.00	1.45	Gate B KS1 yard	
P4JW	8.45-9.00	1.45	Gate C KS1 yard (left side)	
P4CW	8.45-9.00	1.45	Gate C KS1 yard (right side)	
P5MH P5HD	8.45-9.00	1.35	KS2 building through the left hand doors at the front of the building	
P5MML	8.45-9.00	1.35	KS2 building through the Right hand doors at the front of the building	
P6NB	8.45-9.00	1.40	KS2 building through the left hand doors at the front of the building	
P6MT P6LMA	8.45-9.00	1.40	KS2 building through the Right hand doors at the front of the building	
P7DA	8.45-9.00	1.45	KS2 building through the left hand doors at the front of the building	
P7LMC P7LM	8.45-9.00	1.45	KS2 building through the Right hand doors at the front of the building	
LSC1-4	9.00	1.15	Transport	

School Lunches

- Dinners will be available as normal from the 22nd March. Menu will be sent home.

School Uniform

- Children should wear their school uniform Monday, Wednesday and Friday and their PE uniform on a Tuesday and Thursday. We understand, that due to the short notice, parents may have been unable to obtain school uniforms. Children may wear their PE uniform or plain tracksuit bottoms and polo shirt until the Easter break, if necessary.

Important Information

- **It is important that if your child, or anyone in the household, is unwell or is experiencing any symptoms of Covid 19 (high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste and smell), the child should not return to school.**
- **If anyone in the household is waiting on a Covid test, please do not send your child into school.**
- **If your child has tested positive or if they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive, they must isolate for 10 days.**
- **If your child takes ill in school, the office staff will contact you and you must collect your child from school immediately.**
- **If a bubble has to close, you will be informed via a SeeSaw message.**
- **If a child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they will not be permitted to return to school for 48 hours.**
- **It is essential that if your child tests positive or has to isolate due to being in contact with someone who has tested positive that you inform the school immediately via telephone, SeeSaw or email- fionaboyd66@hotmail.com**

I know that many of you will have mixed feelings about the children returning to school. Whilst you will be glad to see them return, it is also a very worrying time for you. Please be assured that we are doing everything in our power to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child. We will continue to follow the advice and guidance from the PHA and Department of Education and the procedures described above will be continually under review.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and you have my word that we will do everything in our power to reverse the negative impact the pandemic has had on your child's learning and emotional well being.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs F Boyd

