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ST. PATRICK'S R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear parents

As we come to the end of a very different academic year, we would like to share with you our plans for the full reopening of our school in September 2020. Our aim is to welcome all year groups back and to try to keep things as 'normal' as possible for the children. There are going to be many changes, but I am sure that the children will soon get used to their routines.

Coming into school.

- School times will remain as they did previously. On a morning, the gate will open at 8.45am and children will need to be in school by 8.55am.
- The changes that you will notice enable us to ensure social distancing takes place whilst you are on school premises. Your child will enter the school yard via the usual gate at their allotted time slot. We would ask that you try to observe social distancing outside of the school grounds and try to be as punctual as possible to avoid overcrowding. Only one accompanying adult per child please in order to reduce overcrowding on the yard. Your child will be greeted by a member of staff and directed towards their entrance. If there are several adults and children wishing to enter the school yard at the same time, there is a queuing system in place whereby you and your child will wait 2m apart from others. This is in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
- You will then be asked to leave the yard as quickly as possible via the large gates. Any messages that need passing onto the class teacher will be written down and passed on as soon as possible. You will not be permitted to enter the school building unless it is absolutely necessary to do so. Any member of staff who needs to pass on a message to you will contact you by telephone or pass it to the member of staff who will be out on the yard that morning.



Lunchtime

- Lunchtimes will be staggered. Your child will need to either bring a packed lunch, or have a lunch provided by school. Packed lunches will be eaten either inside the dining room or outside on the yard, depending on the weather.
- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal.
- Parents of children who need to pay dinner money must use the online system.

Home time

- Reception and KS1 children have a home time of 3.15pm. KS2 children have a home time of 3.20pm. Gates will be opened from 3.10pm.
- One parent will be permitted to enter the school yard at their allotted time through the small gate and will be asked to wait on one of the spots on the yard. These spots are 2 metres apart.
- When you have collected your child, you will need to leave via the big gates. Waiting on the yard after you have collected your child is not allowed, unless you are waiting to collect a child from another year group. This is to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Breakfast and after school clubs

- Our school breakfast and after school clubs will be running from Wednesday 2nd September for Years 1 - 6. Reception will be able to come to these clubs from Monday 7th September.
- Breakfast club begins at 8am and your child can be brought into school via the main entrance from that time. The cost of breakfast club is £2.20 per session.
- After school club ends at 5.20pm and your child will need to be collected from the main office before this time. The cost of after school club is £4.20 per session.
- Payment for these clubs can either be made online or in cash - correct money only please in an envelope with your child's name on and which clubs/days they wish to attend.
- Other before and after school clubs will begin later in the term.

P.E.

- On the day your child has P.E., they will need to come to school in their P.E. kit. This is to eliminate the need to get changed during the school day. Correct P.E. kit must be worn, including appropriate footwear. In colder weather, your child may wear tracksuit/jogging bottoms. School sweatshirts/cardigans must also be worn.



- P.E. days are as follows: Tuesday - Reception. Thursday - Y6 and Y1/2. Friday - Y3/4 and Y4/5.

Bags etc.

- We ask that your child brings as little as possible into school.
- They will not be permitted to bring any stationery from home. Each child will have their own allocated stationery to use in school.
- Your child will need to bring their own water bottle into school, as they cannot use cups etc. This water bottle can stay in school until Friday, then taken home for washing.

Year 6

- Year 6 will be able to walk home unattended if parents have given permission for them to do so.
- Year 6 will not be permitted to bring mobile phones to school for infection control reasons.

Attendance

- School attendance will be compulsory from September.
- If your child is unwell, it is very important that you contact the school office on 5235050 as soon as possible. We will need to know the reason for their absence.
- Please try to keep medical appointments during the school day to a minimum.
- If your child becomes unwell during the school day, it is vital that we can contact you as quickly as possible. If you have changed your contact details, please inform the office straight away.

All of the staff at St. Patrick's are looking forward to the new term ahead. We would like to wish you a safe summer break and we will see you all on Wednesday 2nd September.

Stay safe!

Mr Kelly

G. Kelly

Head Teacher