

Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

16th June 2020



School Phased Return - Reception & Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Sefton guidelines and having carefully completed risk assessments approved by our governors for our school, Holy Spirit Catholic Primary will be accepting Reception & Year 1 and key worker children from Monday 22nd June. Please note that the breakfast club facility will only be available for key worker children.

Our risk assessments indicate that to keep your children safe, the classes can only take between 6 – 10 children safely depending upon the size of the class with the 2 metre rule in mind.

To reduce the separation anxiety for both children and parents and carers we will be operating a phased return, this will allow children to adapt to new safety and cleaning routines and to a school which looks and feels very different.

Bubbles for children

Children will be in groups of 6 to 10 with 2 specified adults which will be referred to as your child's bubble, please be aware that your child may not be in their usual classroom or with their own teacher in their bubble. The purpose of this is to limit the social contact between children and adults, the bubbles will not mix as far as possible.

Please refer to the table to see which bubble your child is in. Please note that **Fridays** are only open to key worker children as the school will receive a deep clean every Friday.

Reception bubble 1 (Miss Daniels and Miss Griffiths in Reception classroom) Robyn - Imogen - Summer - Noah – Ruby – George - Evelyn - Ruby - Louie - Kayden

Reception bubble 2 (Mrs Gorman & Miss Thomas in year 3 classroom) Leon - Quinn - Ayden - Grace - Amelia - Caitlyn – Maddison - Nylah - Ethan

Reception bubble 3 (Miss Harris and Mrs Richardson in year 2 classroom) John - James - Harvey - Zac - Mila - Max - Ava - Esme

Year 1 bubble 1 (Miss Hughes and Miss Williams in year 1 classroom) Jacob - Katie - Mille - Cormac - Jake Mc - Donny - Alesha

Year 1 bubble 2 (Miss Collins and Miss Haizelden in year 5 classroom) Poppy – Milly – Fynn - Olivia - Tabitha - Gabriel – Dylan - Amelia - Stevie

Year 1 bubble 3 (Miss Gattrell and Mrs Foster in year 4 classroom) Jasmine – Archie – Lexie – Hallie – Feoh – Owen – Misha - Jake W - Taylor

Timetables for each bubble

Week 1 22/06/20 to 26/06/20

Mon - bubble 1 - Reception drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Tues - bubble 2 - Reception drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Wed - bubble 3 - Reception drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Thurs - only Key worker children

Fri - only Key worker children

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Week 2 29/06/20 to 03/07/20

Mon - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Tues - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Wed - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Thurs - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 12.15pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 12.30pm

Fri - Only key worker children

Week 3 06/07/20 to 10/07/20 & week 4 13/07/20 to 17/07/20 & week 5 20/07/20 to 22/07/20

Mon - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 2.30pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 2.45pm

Tues - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 2.30pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 2.45pm

Wed - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 2.30pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 2.45pm

Thurs - bubbles 1, 2 & 3 - Rec drop off 9am – pick up 2.30pm & **Year 1** drop off 8.45am – pick up 2.45pm

Fri - only Key worker children

Please explain to your children that school will be different and they will be in a class with only 6 to 10 children. They will not be allowed to mix with any other children even though they may be friends, this is to keep them safe. We would very much appreciate you explaining this to your child to reduce any stress or anxiety they may feel when they see friends that cannot play with, touch, hug, or embrace. Please explain that in class they will have their own pencils and books and they cannot share or lend or borrow anyone else's equipment at any time. Children will have regular hand washing, the school has hand sanitiser and E45 cream as a moisturiser. If your child is allergic to any such products, please inform school. Children will be taught how to keep their belongings clean by wiping their desks, pencils and chairs at the end of each session, however adults will be there to help as and when needed. Children will not be allowed to bring in their own personal pencil cases and stationary.

Having said the above, please be reassured that your children will be welcomed and looked after with great care and attention. We want nothing more than to receive our happy children back again, we have missed them all. At some point the above restrictions will be removed but as a school we cannot say when this is, certainly after September. We cannot guarantee social distancing at all times but we will endeavour to do our best for children and adults in school.

Drop off and Pick up

As you will have noticed, reception & year 1 will arrive and leave school at **different times**. Please bring your children to the gate punctually and allow them to walk onto the playground alone where the teachers will guide them to their special spot to stand on. Parents will not be allowed into the playground or classrooms. When you collect your children, they will be standing in the same place on the playground, as we see the child's parents we will send them to the gate one at a time. Please move swiftly away with your child to allow the next parent to collect their child safely. The 2 meter rule must be adhered to, markers outside the school will indicate where individual parents and carers need to stand and wait. Punctuality is essential for this system to run smoothly.

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Temperature checks

Each child will have their temperature taken with a contactless digital thermometer at the gate before they make their way to their spot, please explain to your child that this is to keep them safe and there is nothing to be frightened of. In children a normal temperature is 36.4 but this can vary, a temperature above 37.7 is considered a fever and your child will be sent home. However temperatures near to this will also be asked to go home as a precaution.

If any child in the bubble is told to self-isolate, then the whole bubble will be asked to self-isolate for 2 weeks. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date by calling the office on 0151 525 7497.

I would like to reassure parents and carers that the staff have worked incredibly hard to make school ready and safe for your children and although school will be very different we are still going to make it fun. If you have any worried or concerns please don't hesitate to ring school as teachers have been instructed to avoid face to face meeting with parents and carers.

Other year groups

We have carefully measured each classroom and we physically cannot fit nursery and year 6 in our school under the current 2 metre distancing rule. Unless the government changed this rule then no other children will be admitted until such time. We expect this to be September however we cannot be certain.

Attendance

Please be aware that your child will not be penalised or lose their attendance mark if they do not attend school during this Covid period. It is still your choice as a parent to decide if you feel it is safe for your child to return. If you wish to keep them at home we will continue to provide work for your child and the teacher will be available to answer questions via email or telephone call. Their school attendance will not be affected.

Thank you all for your support, please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any guidance or help and we very much look forward to returning to normality.

Take care,

Ms Armstrong

Headteacher