

St. Bede's News



ST. BEDE'S R.C.V.A.
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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It has been lovely to be in school this week because the numbers of children have increased greatly. All of the children are now working with their class teacher and class mates. The planning has so far paid off and staff and children are enjoying being together. The teachers have been following the tasks that have been provided for home learning, so that there is a level of consistency.

Whilst we have had safety at the forefront of all we have planned, we have also been so keen to keep the anxieties of children as low as possible. The children are being welcomed with warmth and love but then reminded regularly about washing hands, catching sneezes, keeping apart as much as possible and not sharing equipment.

Thank you so much for supporting us with these measures and ensuring that your child is following strict social distancing measures outside of school. This is a key part of keeping the whole school safe. Parents of the children who are attending school, please make sure that you and your child have signed and returned the 'Home School Agreement' for returning to school. Copies are in the School Office.

**Staying Safe
at School**



Holiday Club

You may be aware that we are exploring the possibility of providing childcare over the summer holidays. The majority of staff who work in schools are not paid for any of the holiday time and for this reason various options are being considered.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the questionnaire.

Once we have made a decision on what is to happen, we will be in touch with you all.

Annual reports for all children will be sent out on Thursday 2nd July. The reports will reflect the information that your child's teacher has up to the 20th March, when school went into partial shutdown.

You will be offered the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher following the 2nd July, so that you can share any additional relevant information in preparation for the new school year.

**School
Reports**

The provision of places in school has been determined using the guidelines from government. The first criteria being provision for the children of key workers and for vulnerable children. As a school we have not moved from this initial group as the demand for places has been high. We do not envisage having the capacity to open to any further groups of children before September.

We have used the questionnaires completed by parents to allocate places, but we now appreciate that some parents who initially believed they would not need to return to work as a key worker outside of the home are now finding they do have to.

If you are in this position, please email the school admin account – admin@st-bedes.northumberland.sch.uk
We will then look at numbers of children to try and find a resolution. Thank you.

Please continue to use the Prayer resources from Ten Ten. We find these resources very useful in school. They are clear and engaging.
<https://tentenresources.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=82585f83bf242b4b0a627d7e1&id=2772008a34&e=e953d847c1>

Sarah Nichol our school counsellor has been in touch. She is available via telephone to speak with children and parents if needed. Please contact school via the admin email address if you feel that her service would be of benefit to you at this time.



It is lovely to see the children wearing uniform again, but please remember that if their uniform does not fit we do not expect you to buy any new things before it's needed for return to school in September. One part of the uniform policy though that we are enforcing is no jewellery, especially earrings. Please ensure that your child has plastic retainers in if they must wear something in the piercing. This is a safety rule.



From Monday 15th June there will be more students attending St Benet Biscop. **Please ensure that you are not driving onto the school site at all from Monday but finding a parking space on the main road and walking in with your child.** The parents of St Benet Biscop students have been given instructions on their drop off, which does involve coming on the school site with vehicles. **Extra care will be needed and St Bede's staff car park will be closed to parents.** Thank you for your understanding.

Nursery and Reception Sep 2020 - We are finalising plans on how we can say 'Hi' to our new starters this year and we will be in touch as soon as we have more information.



We would love to see what is happening at home with those children who we do not see regularly. Please send in photos of what you are up to so that we can create a scrapbook of lockdown activities.



Tomorrow would have been a celebration day for our children preparing for First Holy Communion. Sadly due to the pandemic this has been postponed. We would like to say that we are all thinking of the children and looking forward to the day when you can receive the sacrament for the first time.



Bishop Robert Byrne has announced the first five Churches to reopen for individual prayer

The Government has announced that churches and other places of worship are set to open for individual prayer from 15 June 2020. But, as advised by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, not all churches will immediately reopen. There will be a phased opening of more churches after safety measures have been assessed and implemented.

The first five churches to reopen for individual prayer in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle are:

St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

St. Aidan's, Ashington

St. Patrick's, Consett

St. Mary's, Sunderland

St. Joseph's, Hartlepool

Please see the Diocese website for further information.