

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work and support over the past few weeks as you have helped to home school your child/ren. I know that it has not been easy for many of you, but no matter how much or how little you have managed to do, I know it will be fine and our teachers will be able to pick up where you have all left off.

Following further guidance from the Government and Public Health England, I am now in the position to share our plans for the children returning to school on the 8th March.

Safety First

In order to ensure the safety of all can you please follow the guidance below. It is also imperative that you continue to wear your face coverings whilst on the school premises (unless you are medically exempt) and maintain social distancing at all times.

Bubbles

The children will return to school, as they did in September, and remain in their class bubbles. In order to maintain the bubbles, staff will be assigned to each bubble. This is to reduce the number of children and staff that would have to self-isolate in the case of having to close a bubble due to a positive case.

Reception	Miss deBeger, Miss Downey, Mrs Green
Year 1	Miss Beckett, Miss Morris
Year 2	Miss Corkill, Miss Poulson
Year 3	Mr White, Miss Quirk
Year 4	Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Tansey
Year 5	Mrs Hignett, Mr Stretch, Mrs Jones
Year 6	Mr Easby, Mrs Heston.

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Staggered times

In order to allow for social distancing between classes and adults, we will be maintaining the staggered start and end to the school day. These will remain the same as they were prior to lockdown.

Group	Start Time	End time
A	8.30 a.m.	2.45 p.m.
B	8.40 a.m.	2.55 p.m.
C	8.50 a.m.	3.05 p.m.
D	9.00 a.m.	3.15 p.m.

Year Group	Entrance/ Exit
Reception	Reception class area via infant playground.
Year 1	Via infant Year 1 entrance playground
Year 2	Year 2 entrance via First Steps path
Year 3	Year 3 classroom
Year 4	Year 3 / 4 entrance
Year 5	Year 5 classroom
Year 6	Year 6 classroom

Late Arrivals

It is essential that your children arrive to school and are picked up on time. However, if you are late for arrival, then inform the office and wait outside the Reception area until a member is free to escort your child to their class. If there is more than one person late you must wait at a distance of 2m from them.

Can we also ask that you do not congregate outside the school. A member of staff will be on hand to remind you. Please make sure anyone else you ask to pick up your child knows the precise timings and the entrance they need. Please inform the school if someone is picking up your child who is not on the usual contact list.

Travelling to school

Please can we encourage you where possible to walk or cycle to school as the spread of the virus is reduced outdoors. If you use public transport, please observe the government rules regarding wearing face coverings. We have facilities for children to leave their bikes in school.

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Equipment

Due to Covid security we will need to limit the amount of things children bring to and from school. The things that they will need to bring daily will be limited to a coat, water bottle, sun hat (if hot weather), winter hat and gloves (if cold) and a packed lunch. It is important to remind children to take their water bottles home each day.

Uniform

Full uniform must be worn and this includes black shoes. Trainers are not acceptable as part of the school uniform. P.E kits are to be labelled and sent into school for the half term. As the weather may still be cold the children will be able to wear tracksuit bottoms, as many PE lessons will be outside. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled including your child's coats and hats.

Take care and stay safe.

P McGuffie

Mrs P McGuffie
Headteacher

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