

Dear Parents/Carers

As I am sure you all know from September 2nd Sacred Heart Primary School will be open for all children.

To help your child prepare for their return to school please watch the following video with them

<https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/videos/c/coronavirus-videos/moist-breath-zone/>

I have attached a copy of a booklet that you may wish to share with your child prior to their return. The book was produced by an Infant/Nursery School so is suitable for younger children.

I have also attached a copy of the entry and exit times for classes, new Bubble Rules and an updated home school agreement for your information **we do not want you to sign/return the home school agreement.**

Please remember each day to:

- Check your child's temperature
- Put sunscreen on your child
- Ensure your child brings a named water bottle and a sun hat
- The children will spend more time outside than normal so if any of them have hay fever give them hay fever medication before coming to school.
- Please arrive on time at your designated gate and wait in a socially distanced queue. All children including siblings must stand with their parents in the queue until they are admitted by staff who will be at the gate.

We hope the children enjoy their return to school, we are all looking forward to seeing them.

The information below outlines the changes and expectations that will be in place for the foreseeable future. Our main aim is to keep your children, yourselves and the staff as safe as possible whilst acknowledging that we need to be "providing a full educational experience for all children." We have closely followed the advice given by the government in the document "Guidance for full opening schools" they have also produced a document aimed at parents and carers which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

It is very important that you read all the information contained within this document and that we work together as a community to support our children returning to school.

What should we do on our way to and from school?

Please check your child's temperature every morning and do not send them into school if they are unwell or have a high temperature.

If appropriate Year 5 and Year 6 children should make their own way to and from school although we realise that this is not always possible or desirable. If you wish your child to walk to and from school independently you must request this by email to admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk so that we have a list when signing children in and out.

Other year groups **must** be accompanied to and from the school gate by a responsible person (**If this is a sibling then they must be in Year 7 or above**). There will be a member of staff at each entrance to the school site to welcome the children and ensure that **only Sacred Heart Primary School children enter the school site. Parents/ Carers are not allowed onto the school site.**

Apart from with their siblings, children should, wherever possible, avoid coming to school with children from another year group and they should try to avoid using public transport.

How will the children be grouped in school?

The children will be grouped in year group 'bubbles' and wherever possible year groups will not mix during the school day.

What happens at the beginning of the day?

Initially each class will have its own separate time and gate for entrance to the school site as detailed on attached document. The children will be met at the gate by their class teacher and taken to their new classroom. Children must enter at their designated gate.

If you have children in two or more different classes and are unable to drop them off at their separate times you should drop them off at the gate and time for the youngest child. All of your children should be collected at the earliest time for your children at the designated gate.

There will be an adult at each entrance to welcome the children and parents must not enter the school site. **Only Sacred Heart Primary School children will be allowed on site.** The children will hand sanitise and line up to be taken into their classroom.

What happens at the end of the day?

Children will be taken by their class teacher to the designated gate. Children who are being collected at a different time to their class will be collected by their older sibling and taken to the appropriate gate.

What will the classroom be like?

Desks will be facing the interactive white board and the children will be sitting side by side.

Children only allowed to bring in the bare essentials: a healthy snack, hat, named water bottle, lunch bag (if they are not having a packed lunch) and pencil case, small hand sanitizer and tissues. They can bring in a school bag. (The pencil case should contain labelled pens, pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler and colouring pencils- they will not be allowed to share these.) The children will keep their possessions with them in class, they will not use the cloakrooms.

The pencil case, small hand sanitizer, tissues and stationary should then remain in school. **On the days when children have PE they should wear their school PE kit, trainers and a track suit into school.**

Education and care will take place as normally as possible in each classroom. Children will regularly sanitise their hands throughout the day. The classroom surfaces will be sanitised while the children are having their lunch. Each classroom has a lidded bin to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it approach'.

What will break time be like?

Break times will be staggered so that we can keep the children in their 'bubbles'. The field will be divided into separate zones to accommodate different year group 'bubbles' at the same time. Year Group bubbles will use designated exit and entrance doors. Timings of breaks will ensure that different bubbles are not using doors at the same time.

What will lunch time be like?

For those who want to school lunches, we will be offering a packed lunch that the children will eat in their classrooms. This will be reviewed in October. The cost of school lunch is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week and must be paid in advance.

What about going to the toilet?

Each year group has its own allocated toilets one for girls and one for boys and these will be clearly labelled. Teachers will endeavour to make sure that only one person is in the toilet at any given time. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands after they have been to the toilet. An adult will also supervise hand sanitising once they have returned to the classroom.

Will the curriculum be different?

There will be a few alterations but we will make sure that we follow the advice from the government (see below). In September you will be given more information.

"For pupils in key stages 1 and 2, school leaders are expected to prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics), identifying opportunities across the curriculum so they read widely, and developing their knowledge and vocabulary. The curriculum should remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including sciences, humanities, the arts, physical education/sport, religious education and relationships and health education."

What about interventions?

Small group and individual interventions will continue to take place with a separate location for each year group.

Will there be a breakfast club/after school club?

Playtarium have been in contact with parents with regard to restarting these clubs please contact them for further information. <https://www.playtarium.com/contact.html>

Will there be whole school assemblies?

Each year group will have one separate assembly in the hall per week to celebrate achievements and also a whole school virtual assembly on the Friday which they will watch in their classrooms.

Will there be after school activities?

At present there will be no after school activities - we will review this.

Does my child need to wear school uniform?

All children are expected to wear school uniform and school P.E. Kit. ON PE days the children should wear their school PE Kit, trainers and a track suit to school Details of the school uniform can be found on the school web site. <http://sacredheartluton.org.uk/Parents/School-Uniform>

Does my child have to come to school?

Unless advised otherwise all children are expected to return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

What if I need to speak to a teacher or other member of staff?

Initial contact should be by email through the school administration team admin@sacredheart.primaryluton.co.uk. We need to admit the children as quickly as possible so please do not try to discuss concerns with staff at the school gates as this will delay other children and parents.

What if my child is late for school?

It is more important than ever that children arrive at school on time, not only because being late impacts negatively on their learning, but also it helps us make sure that they arrive and enter school with the rest of their 'bubble'. If your child is late after the gates have closed (KS2 Gate 9.25 and Langford Drive gate 9.40) they should go to the Langford Drive gate and press the intercom to the office for entrance.

What should I do if my child or someone in my household has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms?

You should not send your child to school and they or the member of the household should be tested. Anyone who tests positive should self-isolate for 7 days. Other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

What happens if my child develops symptoms whilst they are at school?

You will be asked to collect your child immediately and have them tested. We will help you with this process. You must then inform us immediately once you have the results. If the test is positive then we will be guided by the local Public Health England health protection team as to what action should be taken.

What happens if another child in the same bubble as mine develops symptoms?

Parents will not be informed if another child within the bubble displays symptoms. All children will continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms. If the child displaying symptoms tests positive then we will be guided by the local Public Health England health protection team as to what action should be taken.