



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you so much for your responses to our most recent questionnaires your feedback has been very useful in helping us to prepare for the return to school for children from Year 6, Year 1 and Reception. Your comments from our pastoral questionnaire have been very welcome. Firstly, it's been great to read about so many positive experiences and to see how resilient our children are. Where you have shared concerns, please rest assured that they have been passed to our Inclusion Team, where plans are currently being put in place to support a range of issues. We are pleased to share that our school is now a Mental Health Hub for Solihull. This gives us regular access to additional support and counselling which we hope will prove to be very supportive in the next few months.

There are a number of other questions that you have asked through your responses to our class questionnaires.

Does my child have to wear their uniform?

No, our school uniform policy is suspended until September 2020. Children can wear their own clothes. We ask that they wear a completely new, clean outfit each day to prevent potential cross infection. Jewellery, other than stud earrings, and makeup and nail varnish is still not permitted.

Can my child bring a packed lunch?

Yes, children can bring a packed lunch to school. This will be stored with them in their classroom. **They must take their lunch bag/ box home with them every night.** We ask that you clean it thoroughly on a daily basis to limit cross infection.

Can my child bring a water bottle?

Yes, children can bring a water bottle to school. **They must take it home with them every day.** Any water bottles/ flasks left in school will be thrown away on a daily basis. This is to limit the risk of cross infection.

Will I still receive food vouchers if my child attends school?

No, you will no longer receive vouchers. If your child is in school, they can be offered an alternative, hot free school meal. This will replace the need for vouchers.

Do I have to bring my child to school at the time stated?

Yes, you must support school by bringing your child to school on time. Start and finish times are staggered to avoid groups gathering. You will have been given your child's 'bubble group' times if you are a Year 6 parent/ carer. Year 1 and Reception parents will receive this information shortly.

Does my child have to attend school every day?

Yes. If you have chosen to send your child back to school, this is offered on a full time basis. We expect your child to attend every day, as we did before our school closure. The only reason for your child not to attend school should be through illness.

Can my child play with their friends?

Your child will attend school in a small 'bubble group.' They will only mix with children in this group and the staff attached to their group. They will not be permitted to mix with any other children or staff.

Has school put in social distancing measures?

Yes. We have worked extremely hard to implement a whole host of social distancing measures. Each classroom has seating that is two metres apart. There will be no more than 10 children in each 'bubble group.' Each group will eat in the dining hall on their own and tables will be cleaned between each sitting. Our outside areas are zoned for each bubble group and the start and finish times of the school day have been staggered. We have an extremely detailed risk assessment which has been agreed by our governors and shared with all staff.

I hope this clears up your remaining concerns and questions.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Gallagher