



# Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Planned Full Reopening of the School**

This time has been extremely challenging for everyone and I thank you so much for your continued support and patience. As professionals we have always appreciated our parents as children's first educators, and know the huge role you play in supporting school and this situation has highlighted this even further during this time.

## **INSET DATES CHANGE**

Many of you will already be aware that during the summer break, the school will be having major health and safety and safeguarding works taking place. This will ensure that the fire evacuation, lockdown and door entry is as safe as possible for your children. This work was due to start this week but unfortunately has been delayed. This means that staff will not be able to access the school for the majority of the summer holidays, as they usually would. With this in mind, I have asked our Chair of Governors to allow us to move one of our planned inset days.

This means that **there will now be two inset days in September**; one for safeguarding and first aid training and one to allow the school to be ready to open for our pupil's safe return. I know that this may cause some inconvenience but please be assured that there are essential works that must take place.

**This means that school will open to all pupils on THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020.**

## **Return to School**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school after what may have been a very stressful and uncertain time for them. We are working on our Curriculum Recovery Plan to address any learning that has been lost, which will be shared with you as soon as possible.

To enable all of our children to be able to come back to school full time, we have followed the government guidelines to make Guardian Angels as safe as possible for your child. Unfortunately, even with extensive measures in place we cannot guarantee:

- A) That social distancing will take place**
- B) That your child will not contract Corona Virus**
- C) That your child will not be upset or affected by the measures that must be in place.**

We will try our very best to make their time at school as enjoyable and safe as possible, but some things will be very different. Please see the table for the key information you need for your child to return to school.





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## Essential Drop off and collection information:

In line with the government guidance for the full reopening of schools, we will:

1. Maximise the entrance and exit capacity and limit which classes use these.
2. Stagger drop off and collection times to limit the number of people on site.
3. Restrict drop off and collection to one adult only.
4. Request that **ALL** of our parents observe strict social distancing on site.

Here is all the information you need for September:

Classes	Gate to use	Collection point	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Year 6	Back Gate (Point A)	Year 6 door	8.40	3.00 (Friday 1.45pm)
Year 5H	Back Gate (Point A)	KS2 corridor door	8.55	3.15 (Friday 2.00pm)
Year 5B	Front 'car exit' gate and straight into playground (Point B)	Hall doors A	8.40	3.00 (Friday 1.45pm)
Year 4	Front 'car exit' gate and straight into playground (Point B)	Hall doors B	8.55	3.15 (Friday 2.00pm)
Year 3	Church gate, and up the steps round to the side gate (Point D)	Blue Key Stage 1 doors	8.40	3.00 (Friday 1.45pm)
Year 2	Front pedestrian gate and round to side gate. (Point C)	Y2 Patio door	8.55	3.15 (Friday 2.00pm)
Year 1	Front pedestrian gate and through Year 1 gate (Point C)	Year 1 patio doors	8.40	3.00 (Friday 1.45pm)





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Here is a map to show you where the entrance and exit points are:



At the start of the day, parents will not be permitted on site. This is to limit the chances of social distancing being broken. Staff will be present to direct your child to their entrance.

At the end of the day, pupils will remain indoors and will be dismissed to their parent/carer. Only **ONE** adult should collect and drop off children.

Parents **MUST NOT** gather at gates or doors and social distancing must be observed

## **Breakfast Club:**

Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place, we are unable to offer our breakfast club at this time. We do however, recognise that breakfast is vitally important for all of our children and therefore are in the process of teaming up with 'Magic Breakfast' to provide any family that requests it with a breakfast pack to enjoy at home. All families are eligible and we will send out more information as soon as it is available.

## **After School Clubs:**

Unfortunately, afterschool clubs where bubbles cannot be maintained will not be able to run straight away in September. This includes the Friday Finish club.

We are currently working on a plan to offer some limited class based sports afterschool clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.





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### Travel to and from school:

Birmingham City Council advise that:

- **Children, young people and parents are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible**
- *If you are intending to use public transport, please read the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#)*

### In addition:

- We advise parents/carers not to drive to school, allowing more room for children and families to socially distance around the school safely. Encourage walking, cycling or scooting to their education setting where possible.
- We encourage, where possible to park and stride sites - parents and others who do have to drive can then park (legally) nearby and walk the last part of their journey.
- For those driving to school, please be aware that we anticipate more pedestrians and cyclists than usual, please do not park on the yellow school lines.
- If travelling by public transport: check website or live bus app for revised timetables before travel; try to keep 2 metres away from people not in their household while waiting in the queue; carry and use hand sanitiser; wear a face covering if they can; sit in the window seat, leaving the seats in front and behind empty. For further information and guidance visit: <https://nxbus.co.uk/west-midlands/news/stay-safe-when-travelling-with-us>

### Hand Hygiene and toilet use:

- Each class bubble has been designated specific sinks and toilets to use in school. This is to minimise the number of people who are touching doors, taps, etc and reduce the potential spread of infection.
- Pupils will be asked to wash their hands frequently in school. They should wash their hands before coming to school and when getting home.
- Each class bubble will have a hand sanitizer area to be used in between hand washing.

### Clothing:

- Pupils will be expected to wear full school uniform.
- We encourage pupils to wear fresh clothes every day, with this in mind, we will relax the uniform policy to allow a plain black jumper or cardigan if necessary.
- PE Kits are expected to be in school at all times.

### Behaviour Management:

As all of our pupils return to school, we would like you to read and accept the following two documents that can be found on our COVID19 Information Page on the website. Before your child returns to school, we will send you a reminder of this.

- 1) COVID 19 Home School Agreement
- 2) Behaviour Policy Addendum

All staff have been instructed to carry out the policy changes to fulfil their professional duties and no exceptions will be made







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## **Lunch Times and Play Times:**

- Lunch will initially be eaten in classrooms.
- Due to the layout of the school and the hall being a multipurpose area needed for full curriculum entitlement, we will be serving a cold school lunch between Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This will be reassessed with the hope to be providing hot meals as soon as possible.
- Play times and lunch times will be staggered to ensure that there is no cross over of class bubbles.
- Each class bubble of pupils will have separate times to be out on each of the playgrounds.

## **If a child becomes unwell:**

If your child displays any of the following symptoms, you will be called to collect your child with immediate effect.

- 1) A suspected high temperature
- 2) A cough
- 3) A change to or loss of taste or smell

\* Your child will wait to be collected in our specially prepared room away from others. Full PPE will be worn by any staff member supervising your child.

\* Once home, all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days and a test should be booked by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Your child will not be permitted to come back to school unless:

- a) you have a negative result with the child's personal details on which you can show to us, or
- b) 14 day isolation period has taken place

**If there is a positive coronavirus case within my child's 'class bubble':** All members of the bubble including staff and children will not be permitted to come into school for 14 days from the day of a confirmed case.

If there are two positive coronavirus cases in the wider school, we will seek advice from Public Health England and advise parents of the outcome. This may involve the whole school closing for a period of time.

As the government's plans develop, our plans will also be subject to change. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible, should changes need to take place.

Thank you for your continued support at this unprecedented time.

God Bless,

Mrs H. Milligan

