

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to school for All children – 8th March 2021

The Government has announced that **all children** will be expected to return to school on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Much to our and I am sure your delight!!!. Please be assured that we have a rigorous Risk Assessment in place to minimise the risks of transmission of Covid-19 to children, staff and the wider community. We will continue to ensure good hand hygiene, ensure a dedicated cleaner works during the school day to clean communal spaces etc. Socially distanced bubbles in year groups are in place and keep to separate break and lunch times etc.

Parents/carers will not be able to come into school to drop children off or collect.

Dropping off in the morning

All children to arrive at school between 8.15am and 8.30am and enter through their designated gates:

- EYFS – Gate 1
- Year 1 – Gate 1
- Year 2 – Gate 2
- Year 3 – Gate 3
- Year 4 – Gate 3
- Year 5 – Gate 3
- Year 6 – Gate 2

Collecting at the end of the day

We will be releasing the children according to their surnames as before the lockdown. Please be on time so that we do not have large groups of parents/carers gathering together. Please also remember to observe the social distancing expectations when waiting for your children and wear a face covering. Please be respectful when parking to collect your child/ren and please do not block our neighbour's driveways.

14:40 Surnames A-F - Gate 1 = D,E,F, Gate 2 = C, Gate 3 = A and B

14:45 Surnames G-L – Gate 1 = G and H, Gate 2 = I and L, Gate 3 = J and K

14:50 Surnames M-R – Gate 1 = M and N, Gate 2 = O, Gate 3 = P, Q and R

15:00 Surnames S-Z – Gate 1 = V, W, Y and Z, Gate 2 = T and U, Gate 3 = S

(Collection times will be tricky for us all at first so please try to stay patient and be kind to our staff and one another 😊)

- Gates will be clearly labelled and staff will be outside to help you
- Parents and children must queue outside the school on the Rotheram Avenue pavement. You **must** observe social distancing whilst queuing to drop off and collect your child/ren and please wear a face covering
- A member of staff will meet your child from the pedestrian gates and he/she will access their classroom through their designated door
- This will take time and we will need to be patient but please ensure that you arrive promptly for arrival and pick up. Please be patient, respectful and kind to school staff and one another☺

PLEASE BE ON TIME TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD/REN

Face Coverings

If you do need to come into the school building at any time, you will be asked to wear a face covering, (staff may wear a visor/face covering if they are meeting with a parent/carer and may wear a visor/mask whilst teaching in the classroom or in spaces where social distancing is more difficult).

Care Club

Please note that the Wrap Around provision will not be open until after the Easter Holidays – 13.04.2021. If you require a space at the Breakfast or Afterschool Care Club, please call Ms Woodrow on 01582 723430. Please note that the club will only run if there are enough children needing the spaces, to make it financially viable.

After School Clubs

It is our intention to start to reintroduce our range of clubs after the Easter Holidays. We will send out more information as soon as our plan for clubs is agreed.

Medicines

Please ensure that you have provided the school with up to date inhalers/epi pens etc. Please make sure that you have spoken to Mrs Newman if your child requires an inhaler/epi pen or they have allergies, as these children will require their own individual plan.

PE Kits

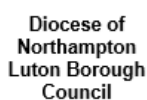
Children will be allowed to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they are timetabled for PE. Please ensure that they are appropriately dressed for the weather. Tracksuits etc. More information about their timetables will be sent to you by the end of next week on the Knowledge Maps/Parentmail.

School Dinners

If your child would like a school dinner, please pay for these using your Scopay account. The 3 week menu is on the school website for you to share with your child. I am happy to announce that since moving to our new Catering provider the meals are well portioned and are delicious.

Packed lunch: Nuts

Can I please remind you that we do not allow nut products in school. This is because we have several children and staff with severe allergies to nuts. If they come into contact with nuts (e.g. touching a door handle when someone else has eaten nuts and has touched the



door handle or being in the same room as someone eating nuts), they could go into anaphylactic shock, which in the worst cases, can lead to death.

Please do not send your child with products such as:

Peanut butter, Snickers, Nutella or other chocolate spreads, 'Celebration' sweets or variety packs containing any type of nuts.

Work Books, Stationery and Borrowed Devices

All work books that the children used to record their lockdown learning, stationery and iPads/Laptops (in cases and with chargers) to be returned to school on 08.03.21.

A Quick Reminder:

If you or your child has symptoms of COVID 19, you are now able to book a test by going to the government website.

**STAY ALERT: Do you have a temperature? A persistent cough? Both?
Order a test today: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>
or by calling 119**

If your child has any of these symptoms, please do not send your child to school but notify us and book a test for them **immediately**.

I would like to finish by saying how fantastic I think you all are, to have survived this second period of 'Home-Schooling'! You are amazing! I would also like to say thank you to those parents who have messaged the school to express their gratitude for the dedication and expertise of our teaching staff (both in and out of school) who have worked tirelessly to provide your child/ren with daily live lessons etc. What a team we have all made ☺.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school. If you have any concerns about the return, please contact the office.

Yours in solidarity,



Mrs G Somes
Headteacher