



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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School Reopening 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the Prime Minister's briefing on Monday Holy Cross is gearing up to reopen on Monday 8th of March for all pupils.

We have worked through the latest Government guidance and reviewed our working practices alongside them.

Unlike many other Island Primary Schools, we have not yet had to close any bubbles due to Covid-19. This is in part due to the arrangements we have in place the compliance of our pupils and your support, so thank you.

The school will go back to the arrangements that were in place before we broke up for the Christmas Break and subsequent lockdown.

Pupils will be taught in class bubbles, with staggered start, break, lunch and finish times to comply with the Government's guidelines for schools. We will continue to promote good hygiene practices including regular hand washing/sanitising. The school will also be running an enhanced cleaning schedule.

Attendance – The expectation is that all pupils should return on the 8th March and that the school continue to follow its normal attendance procedures.

Face Coverings – There are no requirements for Primary Pupils to wear face coverings to school. Staff will continue to wear face coverings at pick up and drop off and in school where they are unable to socially distance between adults.

Testing of Pupils – There will be no testing of primary pupils in school.

Coats & Bags – Pupils will need a coat as we intend to go outside unless the weather is really inclement. Pupils should bring only the items they need for school in each day and should be kept in a bag.

Carp park – Please continue to observe government social distancing guidelines and minimise your contact time with others at drop off and collection.

Old Road / Millfield Avenue – Mr Wild will continue to support pupils crossing the road. Please note that this is just in supportive role and not in an official Lollipop role. The Government and Holy Cross are keen to promote walking, cycling and scooting to school. Please could car drivers give priority to those on foot on Millfield Avenue.

Start times –

- **Year 5 & Year 6**, 8.25 am – 8.30 am
- **Reception**, 8.30am - 8.35 am
- **Year 1 & Year 2**, 8.35 am - 8.40 am
- **Year 3 & Year 4**, 8.40 am – 8.45 am

End times -

- **Year 5 & Year 6**, 2.25 pm
- **Year 3 & Year 4**, 2.40 pm
- **Year 1 & Year 2**, 2.50 pm
- **Reception**, 3.00 pm

More detail can be found in the Holy Cross Reopening Handbook which will be emailed out and updated on the website as soon as is possible.

The Government plans to review its guidance to schools at Easter. Once this has been published Holy Cross will review its operations and update you.

Best wishes,



Timothy Eccles
Headteacher