



# St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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*In love with Christ: Be the best I can, Be kind to one another.*

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Dear parents / carers,

I sincerely hope that this letter finds both you and your loved ones safe and well. Firstly, myself, staff and governors would like to thank you for all of your support with Remote Learning during what has been a particularly challenging lockdown for so many reasons.

We are delighted that the government have confirmed that all children can return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. I cannot express to you how much that all the staff are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back, particularly those we have not seen in person since before Christmas. This has not been an easy time for anyone but we hope and pray that this will be the last time we are faced with the situation that has challenged each and everyone of us in a way we never dreamed possible.

## Catch Up

When all the children return, we will be doing our utmost as we always do to plug any gaps and address anything that the children are feeling challenged by. Please do not worry if your child has not completed every piece of work that has been set for them; you will not be the only parents in this position. Interventions and teaching will be carefully targeted to ensure that misconceptions and gaps are addressed and that children can bounce back and move on.

## Health & Wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of children and staff will be our absolute priority over the coming weeks. We have a series of planned activities woven into our curriculum offer to ensure that we managing as positively and as sensitively as possible the transition back into school which may well be a challenging aspect for our children to face. We must appreciate that something that has always been a constant in their lives, has become transitory and their relationship with their school may have become fragile. Our aim is to make the transition as smooth a possible for each and every child and family.

## Attendance & Punctuality

As the DfE guidance stipulates, it is essential for all primary school children to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is more important than ever that your child is punctual and ready to start the school day with members of his class/bubble. This will not only allow your child to have the best start to the day, but also to support school with our risk assessments. Consistent attendance is key to helping the children settle into their learning effectively and will have maximum impact on their catch up with their learning. Please make punctuality and attendance the priority they must be.

## Covid-19

If your child is unwell, please contact school in the normal way to let us know.

Very importantly:

- ✓ If your child or a member of your family has **any** COVID-19 symptoms they will **NOT** be allowed to attend school. Your child / family should isolate as per national guidance.
- ✓ If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms whilst on site, we have a designated isolation room and you will be contacted to collect your child immediately.
- ✓ If symptoms occur or a household member tests positive for Covid-19 over the course of the weekend or half term, please email school immediately on:

[covidcuths@ssscfederation.co.uk](mailto:covidcuths@ssscfederation.co.uk)



We will respond accordingly.

In the event that any child / children are absent from school as a result of Covid-19, in line with our Remote Learning Policy, work reflective of what is being delivered in school will be provided via Google Classroom.

### **Drop off – start of the school day**

Church Road gates will be open to welcome children into school at **8.40am**. Before the start to the school day, only Foundation Stage parents should be accessing the school site (and should wear a protective face covering when accessing the school site– unless exempt to do so). Only in exceptional circumstances should any other parents access the site. There will be a member of staff on the gate on Church Rd from **8.40am** and several members of staff waiting to welcome your children into school on the school access gates.

### **Collection – end of the school day**

Only **one** parent/carer can enter the school grounds when collecting their child(ren) and should wear a protective face covering – unless exempt to do so. We are asking parents to co-operate with us by following these safety guidelines...

1. When collecting child(ren), please stay behind the running track maintaining 2m social distancing rule at all times. Staff will be present.
2. A member of staff will release your child accordingly.
3. Please do not try to enter into discussions with class staff at classroom doors. Opportunities for confidential communication can be made via Dojo, telephone or zoom where necessary.
4. Having collected your child, please exit school immediately via the Barrymore Rd or Church Rd gate.

### **School Uniform**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we are open as a school and as such children must wear school uniform. Children can wear either a winter uniform (without a tie) or a summer uniform. Can I please remind parents that training shoes are not part of our school uniform. We see the daily impact; wearing a uniform sets a boundary by placing a pupil in a 'working environment' mindset and helps them separate their home and school life. We need our children to be settled and focused and school uniform certainly plays a part in this.

Please remember that **Wednesday** and **Friday** are PE days and as such children are requested to wear their PE kit / tracksuit for school. We acknowledge and appreciate the mental health benefits of exercise and research has proven that children who exercise regularly gain an enormous sense of well-being. They feel more energetic throughout the day, sleep better at night, have sharper memories, and feel more relaxed and positive about themselves and their lives. And it's also a powerful medicine for many common mental health challenges. Please ensure that your child/children are equipped to partake within physical activity on both days.

### **Lunches**

You have the option to decide if your child has a packed lunch or a school dinner. If children are not eligible for a 'free school meal', lunches will need to be paid for electronically. We are currently unable to handle cash on site in line with our risk assessment. In order to process payments, the school bank details are:

#### **Bank: Lloyds Bank**

**Account name: Liverpool CC St Cuthbert's RC school**

(please use the full account name)

**Account no: 01914279**

**Sort Code: 30-95-11**

For those children who are bringing a packed lunch into school, please ensure that the content is as healthy as possible. Our preference would be for children to bring their lunch in a disposable bag minimising risk. However, for those children who bring a packed lunch bag into school, they must be taken home every day in order to be thoroughly cleaned before returning to school.

We also request that your child brings into school the minimal amount of baggage (no pencil cases or stationary equipment etc.). All children will be provided with equipment that will not be shared by other pupils.

### **Homework & Home Reading Books**

In a bid to establish routines as soon as possible, as per pre-Lockdown, from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, spelling homework will be sent home with home reading books each week on a Monday. This can then be returned with your child's home reading books on a Thursday. English and / or Maths homework will be sent home on a Friday and returned to school on a Tuesday.

Can we please ask all children who collected their **CGP resource packs** from school during Lockdown that they are returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. These invaluable resources will continue to be used to supplement of our school-based curriculum and for homework activities. We invested heavily in these resources and we want to ensure that we fully utilise them for our children's benefit.

### **Office Queries**

Please remember that if you have a query, **DO NOT** go to the school office. If you telephone the office, Dojo or email, we will assist you in any way possible.

### **Remote Learning**

We do appreciate what a difficult time it is for you, your children and indeed everyone in our school community, including all the staff who are working tirelessly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of our school staff who continue to show their commitment, dedication and professionalism in the most challenging of times.

Please rest assured that safety is paramount and will continue to be as all risk assessments will continually be reviewed and updated in line with DfE and LA guidance.

We look forward to welcoming our children and families back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, stay safe and take care.

Mrs Bellis-Knox  
Head teacher