



OUR LADY & ST. HUBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

School Updates

It has been a busy few weeks at school and I'm really pleased to say that all of the children have settled back into classes with their new teachers well. It has been wonderful to see them engaged in their learning once again, particularly with our new curriculum that we informed you of on Friday.

As discussed before, where relevant, children have completed a number of tests, to help staff plan the lessons they need to teach, in order to help children to catch up on any learning they may have missed during their time away from school. We are now thinking of ways in which your child's progress can be communicated with you – it is vitally important that we all work together to ensure that the time children spent away from school does not have a lasting impact. We will therefore send a progress report to all parents before the half term holiday. We also appreciate that having a paper copy of levels and targets can lack a human quality, and it is important to us that engagement with class teachers continues. We are thinking about ways in which this can be managed safely and will update you in due course.

In the meantime, should you have any concerns before this time, do not hesitate to contact school or your child's class teacher through the usual channels.

Welcome Back Survey

Moving forwards, one of our goals is to improve communication with you – one of the ways we intend to do this is to use surveys to gauge opinion. Below is a link to our new parent survey – thinking about how the school managed during the lockdown period, but importantly, how we are coped with welcoming all children back to school. Your answers are vitally important and will allow us to adapt provision should we need to and also to think of ways in which we can help or support, should any further closure be enforced.

Please follow the link below:

[Welcome Back Survey](#)

Parking

Over the past two weeks, we have had a number of members of our local community get in touch to complain about parking – particularly on Moat Road and Knottsall Lane. It was also mentioned that some of our children have been climbing on the walls outside residents' properties. It is really difficult to listen to people questioning the ethos of our school and children, based upon these incidents – particularly when we know that the ethos of our children is so strong. However, it is unacceptable to park and behave in some of the ways that have been described to me.

We appreciate that parking is challenging and that staggered starts for all local schools have not helped the situation. However, we must be considerate of local residents – you may not be blocking someone's drive, but have you made it really difficult for them to leave their property? Please have a think about how you can manage this time, so that our whole community can benefit.

Wraparound Timings

We recently changed our times so that afterschool club is open until 6pm. Please be aware however, that this is the time that wraparound care closes and that all children should be collected by this time.

COVID-19 symptoms and School Procedure

It has been well publicised in the media the difficulties schools are facing with the increased number of coughs and colds. If your child has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please do not send them to school. Call 119 or access the government website to get a test. If the result is negative, your child will be able to return to school. If the test is positive, please inform school immediately.

We do recognise however that it is not always that simple and that there are so many scenarios that do not fit this standard model – if you have any concerns at all or need advice, then we will be more than happy to help where we can. Please call the school office and we will do our best to address any concerns, however, if your child is unwell we would recommend you contact your GP or the NHS who will be able to offer you the most suitable advice.

Please also remember to social distance while on the playground when dropping off and picking up your children. We completely understand that you may want to wait until your children have gone into the school building – maybe even to wave them goodbye. However, even if your child's class teacher is on the playground, please drop them off and continue around the one-way system. Please also note that the adventure playground equipment should not be used during this time.

As always, thank you for your continued support during this time. There have been a number of reports about a future possible lockdown following a surge in cases of COVID-19 nationally. We hope and pray that this does not happen, particularly in our schools – our children have already missed out on a great deal. However, we remain alert to any changes that need to be made and will continue to educate our children to the high standard you would all expect.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Mr Anthony Brown

Interim Head of School