

English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, pupils and staff. I hope you and all your family members remain safe and well.

I know these past weeks have been very hard for everyone, thank you for your continued support. We are now beginning our phase 1 of reopening for **Key Worker children, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.**

It is very clear that this will be far from a normal school day both in terms of the learning on offer and how the day is organised. The link below helps to explain some of the changes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCq19LHCgKc&feature=youtu.be&list=TLPQMjYwNTIwMjBqV-cjJLPBlg&t=1159>

School Entrance

On arrival to school you will see that we have social distancing measures outside. This means only one family member will be allowed on site each time when bringing children to school and when collecting and they will be expected to stand on the line 2m apart from other parents. Parents are asked to ensure they arrive promptly to ensure we have sufficient space between parents outside of the building.

Illness

If a parent suspects or knows that their child is ill they **MUST NOT** send them to school and will need to ring the school office to inform us.

If anyone has a cough / temperature/feels unwell at school (showing signs of CoVid-19) parents will be contacted and they will be sent home. They will need to self-isolate for 14 days, or until tested negative. If a child is waiting to be collected, they will be kept in a room with the door closed and a window open.

If a child or adult shows symptoms and tests positive for CoVid-19, then the whole family group that the child/adult is in must be sent home and they must self-isolate for 14 days.

If other cases are then also confirmed at the school, then Public Health England will advise the school on next steps/possible closure.

School Day

Starting and finishing times will be staggered depending on your child's year group.

Parents and carers will be expected to keep to the given times when dropping off and collecting your child.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the building. A member of staff will be at the main door if any parent has a query

Guidance says children should not mix with other groups at playtime and lunchtimes and therefore play and lunchtimes will be staggered.

In school

Additional cleaning will take place during the course of the day especially communal areas that are the greatest risk of cross infection.

Each classroom will have hand washing facilities. Reminders to wash hands will be placed all around the school. Talk to your child about the importance of hand washing. Use the video to help.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg&feature=emb_logo

Home Learning Packs

We will continue to provide online learning and work packs both for those year groups who have not been asked to return yet and for those parents who choose to keep their child at home. The timetable for collection will remain the same.



In class 'Bubbles'

Children within their year group will be placed into smaller 'bubbles' of no more than 15 children.

Each 'bubble' will be taught/supervised by a member of staff. This member of staff will remain with this group and we will endeavour to try to ensure staff are not switched although this may not always be possible. Each 'bubble' will work in a different area of school and we will try to ensure a 2 metre distance between each person.

Children will play within their 'bubbles' at break and lunchtime and will not be allowed to join with other groups.

Tables will be separated and children will sit on individual tables ensuring a 2 metre distance where possible.

Children will be required to wear school uniform which we encourage to be cleaned daily. They will be allowed to wear trainers as more learning will take place outside.

Children will store their coats and belongings on their table they will be working from. This will eliminate the need to go into the cloakroom area.

Doors will be propped open to reduce staff/children touching communal surfaces. Unnecessary items will be removed from the classroom to reduce infection risk and assist in cleaning.

Children will have pens, pencils and any other equipment provided with their name on it. Children will not be able to share equipment.

Please contact the school by email on office@englishmartyrs.southwark.sch.uk if you have any concerns regarding your child returning to school or any other questions