



# English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent,

I hope this meets you all safe and well.

We have been working tirelessly to ensure that English Martyrs' continues to be safe for all the children and adults. To that effect, school will be opening Friday 4th September for children from Nursery, Reception Year 1 to Year 6. Selected children from Reception and Nursery will have a staggered start time and parents in this year group will be informed).

Please see below information regarding Friday 4th September start times and other helpful information on how the day will be planned out.

## COVID-19 Safety measures at EMS - information for parents

Please ensure your child arrives on time, not too early or too late to avoid queuing outside the school buildings.

### Social distancing measures

Building 1	Start Times	End Times
Year 6	8.30am Main Gate	3.00pm – Car Park Exit
Year 5/6	8.30am Main Gate	3.00pm – Car Park Exit
Year 1	9.00am Main Gate	3.00pm – Main Gate
Year 2	8.45am Main Gate	2.45pm - Main Gate
Reception	9.00am Nursery Gate	3.00pm- Nursery Gate
Nursery	9.00am Nursery Gate	3.00pm- Nursery Gate
Building 2	Start Times	End Times
Year 3	8.50am Main Gate	3.15pm – Main Gate
Year 4	8.40am Main Gate	3.10pm –Main Gate
Year 5	8.30am Main Gate	3.00pm – Gate near Church

### Drop off- Morning

- Only one adult per child per family
- Drop off will have staggered timings (see above). Children will be dropped off at the appropriate gate; hands washed and go to their allocated classroom.

### Collections - Afternoon

- There will be staggered timings.
- One adult allowed per child per family to collect. They will line up 2 metres apart. Their child will be brought to them. As they leave the next adult may enter the school.
- In the case of year 6 and with parental consent, children can walk to and from school themselves to avoid more parents entering the school, leaving by the school car park exit.

### Social / Physical Distancing

- Children need to physically distance themselves where possible and routines will be established to help the children to do this.
- Timetables for playtimes and lunchtimes are in place to minimise contact and mixing with other bubbles.
- Signage is evident in the buildings with teachers informing children of the new procedures.

### Classes

- Classes (bubbles) will be in year groups.
- Children will be provided with their own stationery and all learning resources. Pupils will be in the same small bubble at all times each day.
- The bubbles will use their classroom or area throughout the day, with an enhanced cleaning of the rooms at the end of the day.
- There will be staggered play times and lunch times
- Where possible, classrooms will be well ventilated using natural ventilation (opening windows) or ventilation units
- Where possible, doors will be propped open, (bearing in mind fire safety and safeguarding), to limit use of door handles and aid ventilation
- **Pupils to bring a water bottle from home on their first day – this will be kept at school for the week. All children to wear their school uniforms**

### Hygiene

- Children wash their hands before the day starts and at the end of the day, before and after lunch times as well as after each lesson.
- Hand sanitiser / hand wash soap in every classroom and toilets.
- Children encouraged to use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and lidded bins are used for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

### Cleaning

- The classroom and facilities will be thoroughly cleaned throughout the day.
- Deep cleans will be conducted every Friday.
- All equipment disinfected / washed in Milton at the end of the day

### Welfare

- Any person who shows symptoms will be sent home and will need to be tested. If it is positive the rest of their bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- There will be no whole school gatherings, assemblies or school masses.
- The school will require 3 contact phone numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency
- If your child develops any symptoms of the virus- cough, temperature, please keep them off school and inform us as soon as possible.

*A detailed risk assessment is available on the school website under News and Event / COVID -19*

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Kind regards

Mrs Appah / Ms Akpojotor