



English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent/ Carers,

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

The government announced on 22nd February 2021 that all pupils will return to school on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Attendance is mandatory for all pupils' and therefore the usual rules on attendance will apply. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school and ask that you please see the important information below regarding pupil's return.

We will continue our COVID-19 safety measures at English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School

We will have staggered start and end times for all pupils, (Please see table below). To avoid large gatherings outside the school gates, we kindly ask that parents and pupils maintain social distancing guidelines and do not stand close to one another and respect each other's personal space. Parents and pupils are asked to wear face coverings while at the gate, pupils will be asked to remove their face coverings when entering the school building, face coverings in primary schools are not recommended.

Yr Group	Start Times	End Times
Year 6	8.30am Main Gate B1	3.00pm – Car Park Exit
Year 5	8.30am Main Gate B2	3.00pm – Gate near Church B2 Exit
Year 1	8.45am Main Gate B1	3.00pm – Main Gate Exit
Year 2	8.45am Main Gate B1	3.00pm - Main Gate Exit
Reception	8.45am Nursery Gate	3.00pm- Nursery Gate Exit
Nursery	8.45am Nursery Gate	3.00pm- Nursery Gate Exit
Year 3	8.50am Main Gate B2	3.15pm – Main Gate B2 Exit
Year 4	8.40am Main Gate B2	3.10pm –Gate near Church B2 Exit

Please ensure you arrive on time. If you have more than one child attending EMS and the start times are staggered, you should arrive at the earliest time indicated on the table above and siblings can go in together to their classrooms. Please note this arrangement is only for those who have siblings in other year groups and in the morning drop off, otherwise we ask that you do not arrive early and expect your child to enter the building earlier than their allocated time.

Drop off- Morning

- Only one adult per child at the gate maintaining social distance – 2 metres apart.
- Drop off will have staggered timings (see above). Children should be waiting at the appropriate gate entrance and will wash their hands after they have entered the building and go to their allocated classroom. There will be a clear one-way pedestrian system set up around the school.

Collections - Afternoon

- There will be staggered end times (see above) and designated exit areas.
- One adult allowed per child to collect maintaining social distance. Their child will be brought to them. Please do not crowd the exits and respect each other's space.
- In the case of year 6 and with parental consent, children can walk to and from school by themselves, leaving by the school car park exit. We must have the consent form signed by a parent.

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 year groups / bubbles.
- Signage is evident in the buildings with teachers informing children of the procedures.

Classes

- Children will be provided with their own stationery and all learning resources. **No home accessories are required to be brought in to school.**
- Pupils will use the same classroom or area throughout the day, with an enhanced cleaning of the rooms at various times throughout the day as well as at the end of each 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 are to bring a water bottle from home daily**

P.E. Lessons

There will be a P.E. timetable and pupils will wear their P.E. kits to school on their allocated day with their school jumper.

Hygiene

- Children wash their hands before the day starts and before and after lunch times.
- Hand wash soap as well as paper towels will be available in every classroom and in toilets.
- Children encouraged using a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing. Lidded bins will be used for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it')

Cleaning

- The classroom and facilities will be thoroughly cleaned throughout the day.
- All equipment disinfected / washed in Milton disinfectant at the end of the day (particularly Early Years Nursery / Reception)

Welfare

- Any person who shows symptoms will be sent home and will need to be tested. If it is positive the rest of their class will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days and work will be set on Microsoft Teams. If we do have to close a class due to a positive result, pupils will be expected to complete work daily on Teams.
- There will be no whole school gatherings, assemblies or school masses, these will be held on Teams
- The school will require 3 contact phone numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. It is very important that we have the correct contact details and you are available to answer calls or respond to texts.
- 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 COVID 19 and EMS News

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school

Best wishes

Mrs Appah / Mr Camileri