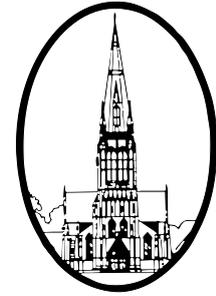


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*"St Mary's... feeding the mind, body and spirit  
so we can be the best we can be."*

23rd February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I am sure that you will have heard already that all children in primary schools will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. We are very excited to be welcoming all of our children back to school after what seems like a very long time. We are again revising our systems and policies to make school as Covid safe as it can be and are able to confirm arrangements with you in the 'all you need to know' attachment. Most of this will be extremely familiar as we are opening to all children in the same way as we did in September 2020. Please read this carefully so that you are fully prepared for the full reopening of school.

To remind you of what we are doing to make St Mary's as Covid safe as possible please see below.

- Children will remain in bubbles to help minimise the risk of infection.
- We will continue to use different gates and routes to the classroom enables social distancing away from other bubbles across the school.
- We will encourage use of antibacterial hand gel stations across the school, regular handwashing and PPE is available.
- Thorough cleaning regime including daytime cleaning of frequently touched surfaces will continue.
- Staff will remain in bubbles as much as possible and will be using allocated toilets and staffroom spaces.
- Please note that there are some members of our staff team that have additional protective measures in place so that they are able to return to work. You may notice or hear from the children that some adults may be more distanced or work in a slightly different way to others. We thank you in advance in understanding why this may be the case.

We have also completed a thorough risk assessment which has more detail that can be found on the school website. You will be able to see amended policies on the school website for your reference.

I understand that you may be anxious about your child returning to school however the government have made it extremely clear that attendance for all children is mandatory. As previously, if you would like to discuss your child's return to school or any concerns, please contact the school office and a member of the senior leadership team will get back to you.

New nursery children that are due to start St Mary's will be contacted in the next week with a start date.

The staff team are looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming all of our children back into school.

Kind regards

Mrs Jane O'Brien  
Headteacher