



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School - Reopening in June 2020

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How will risks to children, teachers and families be managed when dropping off and picking up?

A new one-way system will be used for picking up and dropping off. We ask that only one parent/guardian comes to school with their child. All parents and children will enter through the main gate and follow the markings into the playground and exit using the gate at the other end of the playground. Three entrances to the school building have been allocated so that each phase group will use a different door to minimise contact. The children will follow new two meter markings on the ground.

The school gate will open at 8:45 to 8:55. If you arrive early, please remain in your car so that groups do not form on the pavement outside of the school.

Members of staff will be marshalling movement during drop off. This will need to be a swift process to enable social distancing and speed for the children to get to their classrooms.

Reception children will be dropped off in the EYFS playground and parents exit via the main playground the same as all our parents, adhering to the two meter distance indicated by the markers. Please be respectful and patient.

KS1 children will enter through the playground doors and enter their classroom through the patio door.

KS2 children will walk around the school hall and enter their classrooms through the patio doors.

At home time the children will line up in the playground. Your child will then walk over **to you** once you have entered the playground and join you in leaving via the side gate.

Reception children can be collected from their classroom but please make sure that you stay on the markers until you are called by staff to collect your child. and adhere to the one way system when leaving the EYFS area.

There will be staff members marshalling at this time too.

This new arrangement may take some time at first so please bear with us and stay at two-meter distances from each other.

How will risks to children and staff be managed in the classroom?

As soon as the children enter the classroom, they will be asked to wash and dry their hands. Classrooms have been set up in line with government guidance with all children facing the teacher. All children will be using their own resources which will be left in school. The children will stay in their phase group bubbles at all times and will not mix with other bubbles.

All staff have been provided with face shields (to be used at their discretion). Any staff dealing with a first aid incident will wear additional PPE (face mask, gloves and apron).

How will risks to children and staff be managed around the school?

A new one-way system for moving around the school has been put in place to prevent adults and children walking past each other in narrow corridors.

There will be no whole school assemblies or gatherings until we have advice that it is safe to do so.

Children in Years 1-6 will eat their lunch in the classrooms. Children who have requested school dinners will receive a school packed lunch at this time - your will have already completed the survey.

Additional cleaning of high touch areas such as door handles, and toilets is carried out throughout the day.

My child is in Reception, how can they social distance?

We understand that social distancing is hard for all children. We do not expect Reception children to be able to do this. Staff will endeavour to maintain social distancing wherever possible and teach the children to leave space between themselves and others. Resources used by the children will be washed daily and will only be used by that bubble. Children will be shown to wash their hands after completing an activity. Staff will wear appropriate PPE when assisting children or helping with a medical incident.

What does my child need to bring to school?

Children need to bring a pencil case (pencils, colours, glue, scissors), water bottle, reading book and a packed lunch if they are not having one provided. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED.**

How can I contact the school?

If you need to contact a teacher about your child, please send an email to the school office. There will be no face to face meetings at this time, but the teacher will contact you after they have received your email to discuss any concerns.

If you need to contact the school office, please do so by email or by phone. Please do not send any written notes into school. We are not allowing visitors into the school building.

If my child is eligible, is it compulsory for them to attend school?

The school is open for **all** children. If your child is unable to attend due to illness or an appointment, we ask that you follow the usual procedure for reporting the absence.

Should I keep my child at home if they have an underlying health condition or live with someone in a clinically vulnerable group?

You should always follow any medical advice and the latest government advice to ensure that your child and those in your family remain safe and healthy.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19>

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-shielding-guidance-children-young-people#children-who-should-be-advised-to-shield>

Can children be tested for the virus?

All children can be tested for coronavirus. Follow the link to find out about testing: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

What happens if my child gets ill at school?

Any child who is hurt or unwell will be cared for by staff as they have always been, however when staff need to administer first aid they will wear PPE including gloves, apron and face mask.

If your child displays symptoms related to the coronavirus they will be taken to the Sensory room and you will be contacted to collect your child immediately.

You must arrange for the child to be tested for the virus and inform the school that you are adhering to the track and trace procedures.

In order to keep everyone safe, you must let us know the results of the test.

We ask that parents do not send their child into school if they are unwell or show the symptoms of the virus (e.g. temperature, persistent cough, lack of smell/taste, prior to coming into school).

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school?

If the school does have a confirmed case of coronavirus, the Local Health Protection Team will advise the school as to who should be sent home to self isolate for 14 days.

The measures the school has taken to keep areas clean and the minimising of bubbles will help to control the spread of the virus.

What will my child be learning?

The full EYFS and National Curriculum will be followed. There will be an emphasis in the first term on the Physical and Emotional Wellbeing of your child after their prolonged absence from school.

The teachers will spend time getting to know your child and understanding the next steps in their learning journey.

Will school meals, fruit and milk be available for children?

ISS, the school catering company, will be providing a cold lunch that can be eaten in the classroom if you wish. You will have already received the Survey to request school packed lunch. All Reception and KS1 children are entitled to this. KS2 parents will need to purchase these at the normal rate.

We have been advised that the usual fruit deliveries for KS1 will not be taking place at present, however the milk will continue in September if you have purchased it.

Typical lunch pack will include - 1 x sandwich/baguette/wrap (tuna or ham or cheese), fruit, veggie stick, a piece of cake or crackers. ALL children must ensure they bring their own reusable bottle of water each day - clearly labelled - for lunch and playtime.

Children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for a snack at break time if they wish.

Is breakfast club and afterschool club running?

Breakfast and After School Club run by Ultimate Primary Sport will recommence in September, Coach Nick will be sending out information nearer the time. Coach Nick will maintain the Phase group bubbles in his club.

No other after school clubs will be running until further notice.

Why is the school not keeping their usual hours?

In line with the government guidance we have staggered the home times to reduce the number of parents and children on the playground.

We have also taken into account children travelling independently and adjusted their lesson times to facilitate them being able to catch an earlier bus than other schools locally.

What are the start and finish times?

For the **first week only** we will have a more staggered start to enable families to get used to the new system, but we ask you to arrange for only one adult to drop the children at school to minimise numbers in the playground.

KS1 - 8:45

LKS2 - 9:00

UKS2 - 9:15

From **week 2** the school gates will be open between 8:45 and 8:55, lessons will start promptly at 9:00. Please continue to make sure that only one adult drops your child to school. We are asking for a swift departure from the school grounds to accommodate all the children coming into school as safely as possible. Please ensure your child is carrying their own bags when they reach the playground for parents to have swift departure, thank you.

Finish Times:

Reception and UKS2- 3pm

KS1 - 3:10pm

LKS2 - 3:20pm

Can I remain on the playground if I am collecting children from different phase groups?

In order to keep the one way system flowing, we ask that you leave and rejoin the line when collecting your other child. We understand that this might not be convenient but to keep everyone safe we need to prevent groups of adults building up in the playground.

How can I help my child prepare to return to school?

You can help your child by talking to them about what they can expect when they return to school. Read over the child guide with them. Remind them that we have a responsibility to keep ourselves and others safe by following the rules on social distancing and washing hands.

Most of all, be positive about it. Many children may be worried or anxious about returning. They might be enjoying their home learning and worried about their parents returning to work themselves. We all want the children to enjoy their experience at school, to stay safe and well. This is only achieved when we work together, so if your child is worried or anxious please let us know.

What will happen to my child's education if there is a local or national lockdown?

The school has a home learning plan so that if there is another local or national lockdown your child's education will seamlessly transfer to Seesaw once again for years 1-6 and Tapestry for EYFS.

Children will be continuing to use Seesaw in their computing lessons in school and will be familiar with the operational functions of the platform.