



# St Catherine's Primary School

## Parent Update

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

# Gate System



Thank you so much for your co-operation with the gates in the morning. The drop off and pick up systems are running quickly and effectively especially in the mornings. Most year groups are all in within three minutes of the gates opening. So that the school day starts on time for all children please note the new registration time for each year group. ( For parents who have numerous gates and drop off times please do not be alarmed. We know who you are- this will be taken into consideration)

# Gate Times



Nursery Gate opens – 8:30am Registration 8:35am

Reception Gate – 8:45am Registration 8:50am

Year 1 Gate opens – 8:45am Registration – 8:50am

Year 2 Gate opens – 9am Registration – 9:05

Year 3 Gate opens – 8:45 am Registration – 8:50am

Year 4 Gate opens 9am Registration – 9:05

Year 5 Gate opens – 9am Registration – 9:05

Year 6 Gate opens – 8:45am Registration 8:50

# Registration



- \* To clarify - when being registered, the children need to be in their classrooms answering their teacher when their name is called in order to be marked present.

# Water Bottles, Book Bags and Swimming Kits, Packed Lunches

- \* Please remember to send your child to school with everything they need. There have been an unusual number of parents coming to the school gate to drop off the above items. A final check before you leave home will help your child to be organised!

# Office Staff & Communication

- \* Please let the office staff know of any changes to pick up **before 2:45pm** so they have time to inform the class teachers.
- \* After 2:45pm the office staff will be on the road setting up the road closure barrier.

# When to isolate



- \* Please remember that if anyone in your home has **COVID symptoms** the children must isolate until the person with symptoms has a negative test.
- \* If someone in your home has **tested positive for COVID** your child must isolate for 14 days regardless if they receive a negative test within the 14 day period.

# How isolation works!

## Coronavirus Incubation timeline

It can take up to 14 days to develop symptoms after exposure - this is known as the incubation period.



### **DAY 0**

Hannah was exposed to coronavirus.

### **DAY 5**

Hannah got tested and was negative.

### **DAY 7**

Thinking she didn't have coronavirus, Hannah attended school, and was in close contact with 17 people.

### **DAY 9**

Hannah developed symptoms and tested positive. She was contagious for 48 hours before her symptoms started, and exposed 17 people to coronavirus. These 17 people now all need to self-isolate for 14 days.



**This is why it's so important to self-isolate for the allocated time and to only book a test if you develop symptoms.**



# Parent Questionnaire

- \* Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire. Your feedback is important to us.
- \* We will share the results with you in our newsletter and the school website shortly.

# Purplemash Logins

- \* Please always keep your child's Purplemash login close to hand.
- \* As you know we upload mini class assemblies (Black History Month) and will be uploading our class Christmas Services later in December.
- \* The children and staff put a lot of time and effort into their services and are always keen to share them with you!

# Christmas Cards

- \* As discussed in our Parent Rep Meeting we would encourage every child to write one Christmas Card to the children in their class which can then be displayed in the class for everyone to see.
- \* Given the current pandemic we felt this was safer than every child in each class bringing in 29 cards from home to distribute. Thank you for your understanding!

# Thank you

- \* Thanks again for all your support and co operation. We've faced another lock down together and have been able to keep nearly all the school open as well as the breakfast and after school clubs.
- \* Hopefully these next few weeks will continue to be positive and safe for our St Catherine's community.
- \* **As we begin the season of Advent we ask our Lord Jesus to send his Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas and help us to seek quiet spaces to hear his voice each day. God Bless**