



# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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## **What COVID-19 measures will change at my child's school?**

School will feel different for your child (and staff) as COVID-19 measures are relaxed. Please see below, current recommendations and school's response.

### **Bubbles and staggered start and finish times are no longer advised**

Although we will no longer implement a staggered start/finish time, we will ask all parents carers when dropping off and collecting to continue to follow the one-way system. You will be able to 'double back on yourself where needed so you do not have to do numerous loops if exiting from Rose Gardens. Both the main entrance and Rose Gardens entrance will open at 8:45am. Classroom doors will open at 8:50am. The gates will close promptly at 9:00am. If your child is late, please report to the main office.

At the end of the day, both the main entrance and Rose Gardens will open at 3:25pm. Classroom doors will open at 3:30pm. The gates will close at 3:40pm. If you are late, please report to the main entrance and your child will be brought to you.

### **Children can again have breaktimes and lunch together**

We are delighted with this announcement. The children have been absolutely brilliant in accepting the restrictions which meant they could not mix with other children from outside of their class for the most part of this year. However, on our return, in order to limit the spread of Covid as far as possible, we will only be mixing classes across each key stage. For example, all children in KS1 will have play times and lunchtimes together but as yet, we will not be mixing across key stages. We found this to be much better for health and safety reasons and allows each key stage much more space and freedom on the yard.

In the short term, Early Years and KS1 will eat lunch in the hall and KS2 will eat lunch in their classrooms as they have done throughout the pandemic.

### **Face coverings are no longer required for staff or visitors**

Although face coverings are no longer required, we have given staff the option if they feel safer wearing a mask. Again, for parents/carers dropping off, there is no longer a requirement for you to wear a mask on site but you may wish to do so.

Schools are advised to continue with regular handwashing, cleaning regimes, and to keep spaces well ventilated

Children will continue to wash / sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. We will continue with our extensive site management programme which involves Mrs ??? and Mrs Dugdale on site as assistant caretakers to Mr Thomas from 6am to 6pm. Classrooms, touch points, toilets and all

communal areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. All classrooms and corridors will be ventilated at all times.

#### **What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and inform us of the test results asap.

Your child cannot attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they can return to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

#### **What if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms at school?**

Should your child present with any of the symptoms listed above, we will contact you and ask you to collect them from school. We will advise you seek a PCR test for your child and remind you that your child must isolate while you await the results. You and other members of your household will not need to isolate during this time.

#### **What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will not have to self-isolate, unless they have a positive PCR test result. If your child is identified as a close contact they will not need to self-isolate. This means schools are no longer required to send bubbles home if a child or staff member test positive for Covid.

Schools will have plans in place on what to do if anyone at school tests positive for COVID-19, or if additional measures are needed to be reintroduced for a limited period

#### **Will my child be required to continue any remote learning?**

If your child is isolating due to a positive PCR test, we will contact you to assess your child's health and well-being. If and when your child is well enough to do so, we will continue to provide remote education so that children can learn from home.

#### **PE**

Pupils will have 2 PE lessons per week. They will be asked to come into school in their PE kit. Class teachers will be in touch via see-saw to let you know which days your child will have PE.

#### **Bags**

Where possible, we will request that no bags will be brought into school. Coats will continue to be stored in classrooms as cloakrooms will not be used and therefore space is very limited. Book bags can continue to come into school as per teacher instructions which will be shared via see-saw.

#### **Water bottles**

All pupils must bring a water bottle to school every day. We do not have facilities in school to provide pupils with cups.