

ST MARY'S RCPS COVID 19 RISK ASSESSMENT

TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE AND THE SCHOOL COVID SECURE WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED SOME CHANGES TO OUR USUAL ROUTINES

PLAYGROUND	
<p>Mrs Laird and Mrs Macaulay will be at the school gate to meet and direct children into the playground.</p> <p>Please phone the school if you need to pass on any new information to the teachers.</p>	
Please drop your child at the school gate where staff will escort them in to the playground	At the moment you won't be able to stand and chat with other parents or your child's teacher
Children should line up in their classes ready to sanitise their hands before entering the building	Teachers will be in the playground to show the children where to line up and to supervise hand sanitisation
Each class will have a zone to play in at playtime and lunch time and will not mix with other classes.	Each class will have its own set of playground equipment and will not use that from any other class
Learning activities will be taken outside as much as possible	
CLASSES	
<p>Each class will have their own designated teaching space and movement around the school will be kept to a minimum. Children will be required to wash hands if leaving the classroom and sanitise on return as will all adults. Each class will have its own sanitising station and there are sanitising stations throughout the school.</p>	
Learning Assistants will only work between two classes each day	Mrs Clarke will only work with children from two classes each day or work in two classes
Teachers will work with their own classes and Mrs Macaulay and Mrs Laird will support throughout the school but will also not work with more than two classes in a day. Learning will take place outside as much as possible.	We will be operating a one way system around the school to minimise direct contact with others as much as possible. We will explain this to the children.
TOILETS	
<p>We have a full time cleaner on site and toilets and surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day</p>	
Nursery children have their own toilet facilities	P1 and P2 have their own toilet facilities
P3-P7 have shared toilet facilities and will be cleaned regularly.	
PHYSICAL DISTANCING	
<p>Adults in school must maintain 2m physical distance between themselves, other adults and children. Where this is not possible, staff will wear masks and visors.</p>	
Classes will be set up to minimise physical contact between children but no longer require 2m distancing. The teacher will maintain this by adapting teaching methods or wearing face coverings/visors.	An individual stationery pack will be made up for each child in the class to avoid sharing of equipment. We have enough text books and reading books for individuals, but children can still work in groups within their class.

CURRICULUM

Our priority on returning to school will be to re-establish relationships, readiness to learn and to introduce new routines and systems in the new school.

We will be following a carefully devised Recovery Curriculum for the first few weeks and we will not be assessing children's learning until we think they are ready for this.

If you have a particular concern about your child and want to share information, please contact the school by email or telephone and someone will call you back. Virtual meetings can also be arranged where necessary.

We will in time be sending books home – these will have a date for return and will be held in quarantine for 72 hours before being sanitised and returned to the library.

Please check your child's bookbag and school website for regular updates about how we are managing things in school – this is new to all of us and we may need to modify arrangements over the first few weeks as we all get used to this new way of working.

TRAVELLING TO SCHOOL

Please try to be as active as possible. Walk, Cycle, Scoot if you can. **The School Car Park MUST not be used unless disabled access is required.** If coming by car please park at Poltonhall pitches and walk down to the school gate – crossing patrols will be in operation. Please keep a safe distance from other families and arrive on time at the school gate for your child's staggered start.

LUNCHES

All pupils including P1-P3 will require a packed lunch. BACS payments will continue until 18th September for families in receipt of free school meals

Lunches will be eaten in class with the teacher then all classes will be cleaned during lunch break.

Please also provide a healthy snack and a refillable water bottle – we have plumbed in cool water fountains.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

We are restricting all visits to the school where possible. Visiting Specialist Services will adhere to the school risk assessment and will limit how many schools they visit in a given day. Parents and carers should avoid just dropping in to the school office. Please email the school or phone to arrange an appointment for a call back or virtual meeting where possible.

COVID – 19 SYMPTOMS

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying Covid-19 symptoms
DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL – CONTACT NHS AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE

If your child becomes unwell with suspected Covid – 19 symptoms they will be isolated from the class and you will be called to collect them immediately.

In this event the class will be decanted to another room until the class can be deep cleaned ready for use again.

If a child/adult from school tests positive with Covid-19 we will follow the Public Health Guidance for reporting to them and they will make a decision about next steps for the school.

If it is considered to be an outbreak of Covid in the school the Public Health Protection Team will make a decision about school closure/testing and isolating and you will be kept informed. It is vital that we have your most up to date details on file.

Staff will adhere to covid-19 guidance and use of PPE when dealing with First Aid treatments

