



St. Philip's
RC Primary School

27th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you before the bank holiday weekend, to reassure you all and provide some **important updates** regarding the reopening of the school. Much of this information was outlined in my letter sent on 10 July, which can be found on our website or via the link below. However, I would like to reinforce some key messages and policy changes.

<https://www.stphilipsrcprimary.com/documents/parents/notices/headteacher-update-10th-july-2020.pdf>

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Face coverings

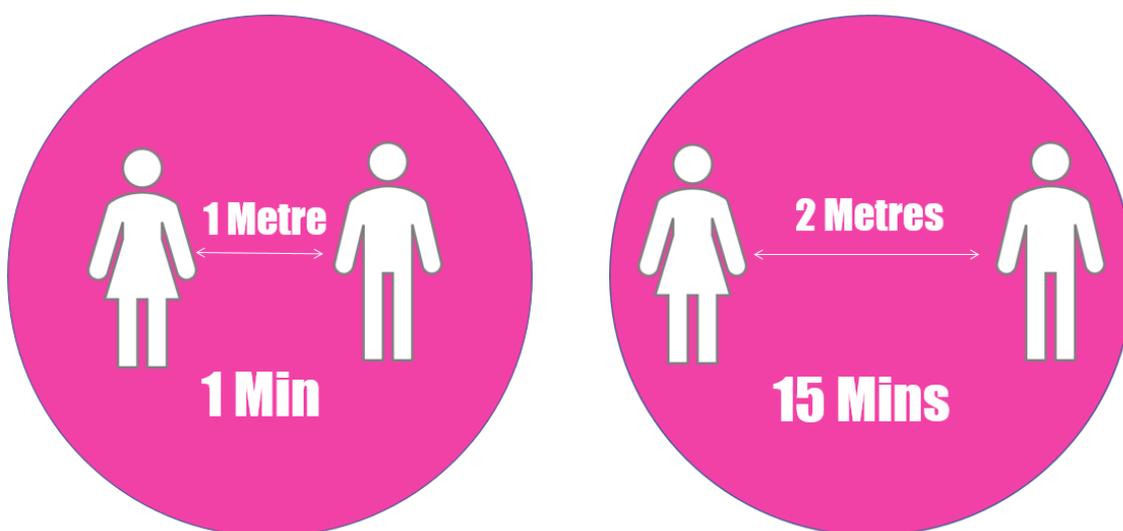
To limit the risk of infection between adults, and in line with changes to government policy, we ask that all adults bringing or collecting children from school, wear a face covering. Due to the nature of the site, it is very difficult to ensure social distancing; we therefore ask that face coverings be worn on the approach to school, in the playground and in the school building.

At present, we DO NOT allow or encourage face coverings to be worn by any child on the school premises.

Staff will not routinely wear face coverings in school. However, those members of staff who are on the gates in the morning and evening may wear a faceguard due to the number of people they will have contact with (see below).

Why is this important?

This is not just about preventing staff or pupils from contracting the virus. It is about limiting the time that adults spend in close proximity with each other, and the number of different adults they have contact with. Public Health Salford state that a staff member would need to self-isolate for 14 days if they were in the following contact with someone who had tested positive for Covid-19:



The closer the contact we have, with more people, the more likely it is that more staff would need to self-isolate and more bubbles in the school would need to be closed. We want to minimise risk and do everything we can to avoid any further disruption to the children's education. Face coverings are now a normal part of everyday life, so I am sure you will support us by respecting this policy.

Sickness and Testing

A more detailed letter regarding sickness and testing for Covid-19 will be shared on the email along with this letter. Please give this careful consideration. However, I would like to highlight a recent change in advice from Public Health Salford:

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of COVID-19.

A combination of symptoms (two or more) below gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat/congested or runny nose - anything that is not feeling themselves.

NB For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

You must provide specific details of the symptoms if your child is unwell in any way. Please do not take the risk and send them into school. Tests can now be arranged the same day and results returned in less than 24 hours. Let us all play our part to avoid the spread of the disease.

Arrival and collection times

Please help us by stringently following all drop-off and collection times:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Years 5 and 6	8:30am – 8:40am	3:00pm
Years 3 and 4	8:40am – 8:45am	3:05pm
Year 1 and 2	8:45am – 8:50am	3:10pm
Nursery and Reception	8:55am	3:20pm

- The main gate will remain locked at all times. Staff will open it, for the relevant year, at the times shown in the table.
- Only parents waiting to drop-off siblings in other year groups can remain in the playground in the morning.
- The gate will remain locked in the evening, and opened at each handover time for the relevant parents.
- The second set of vehicular gates (in the corner) will be used to exit the playground once your child has been collected.
- **The approach to either set of gates must not be used as a drop-off point from cars. THIS INCLUDES BLUE BADGE HOLDERS. Please keep hold of your children and be very cautious when leaving by the main vehicular gate. There is no barrier on the pavement to protect pedestrians.**

Entry and Collection Points

Class	Teacher	Entry Point	Exit Point
Nursery	Mrs Flynn/Mrs Evans	Nursery Gate	Nursery Gate
Reception Class 1A	Mrs Clarke	Hall doors (Right)	Hall doors (Right)
Reception Class 2	Miss Guest	Hall doors (left)	Hall doors (left)
Year 1, Class 3	Miss McNamara	Rear Door (Side of Parish Centre)	Side of parish centre

Year 1, Class 4	Miss Sharrock	Rear Door (Side of Parish Centre)	Side of parish centre
Year 2, Class 5	Mrs Welsh	Main Front Entrance	In front of Hall
Year 2, Class 6	Miss Ryman	Main Front Entrance	In front of Nursery
Year 3, Class 7	Miss Kildunne	Main Front Entrance	In front of Hall
Year 3/4 Class 8	Miss Lavelle	Main Front Entrance	In front of Main entrance
Year 4 Class 9	Mr. Keane	Rear Door (Side of Parish Centre)	In front of Nursery
Year 5, Class 10	Mrs Moore	Rear Door (Side of Parish Centre)	In front of Nursery
Year 5, Class 11	Mr. Taylor	Rear Door (Side of Parish Centre)	In front of Nursery
Year 6, Class 12	Mr. Cooper	Main Front Entrance	In front of main entrance
Year 6, Class 13	Mr. Marshall	Main Front Entrance	In front of Hall

Equipment/Resources

A reminder that children are asked to bring in their own stationary and equipment in their school bags (Y6 can use their own bags). For now, the basics of pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, coloured pencils and glue sticks would be fine. Do not worry if you do not have these at first, we do have spare within school.

Reassurance

School remains a very safe place for your child. Before the summer, 150+ children attended for 6 weeks. There were no outbreaks to report and children benefited greatly from the opportunity to return. It will take a few days, but our experience from the summer term showed us that children adapt very quickly to the new routines. I am sure that you will have your own concerns and anxieties, this is completely normal. However, we must get the children back to school as quickly as possible. Only then will children, parents and staff get a true sense of the 'normality' that we all crave!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes



Mr. J. Barrett

Headteacher