



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020

Thursday 11th June 2020

REOPENING OF SCHOOL TO Y6 PUPILS

On Monday 15th June, Year 6 pupils will be able to return to school from 8.30am until 2.30pm **as long as parents have already informed us in advance** (the closing date for starting next Monday was yesterday, 10th June). Children will be taught in groups ('bubbles') of 6 pupils maximum until school breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July. The first four Year 6 bubbles will be taught in the Main Building. The arrangements are:

- Y6 pupils must arrive at the **Norton Avenue gate** between 8.30am and 8.39am each morning. They may be accompanied by a maximum of one parent or carer. This gate will be locked at exactly 8.40am every morning.
- Pupils and a maximum of one parent/carer may have to queue. If this is the case, you must use the yellow floor markings on the pavement on Norton Avenue in order to maintain social distancing.
- Y6 pupils will exit from Norton Avenue gate at 2.30pm every day and must be picked up on time if they are not walking home alone (by one parent/carer, observing social distancing).
- Pupils must be in full school uniform (but must not wear a school tie).
- Children may bring a coat, and a packed lunch in disposable packaging (if they usually have a packed lunch from home). Otherwise, school will be providing packed lunches to all pupils in school who are eligible or who pay for one. We are receiving dinner money.
- Children must bring nothing else to school (named, individual water bottles will be provided by school).

A copy of our **detailed risk assessment for the wider reopening of St Richard's** can be found on the home page of our website www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk. Please read this very carefully in advance of your child's return. Please also read the **Headteacher's letter on the wider re-opening of St Richard's school - 29th May 2020** and **Revised School Procedures**. All three contain essential information. By sending your child back to school you are agreeing to abide by all the conditions and rules contained in these three documents.

REOPENING OF SCHOOL TO YEAR 1 AND RECEPTION PUPILS

It is currently still our plan that, from Monday 22nd June, Year 1 pupils will be able to return to school from 9am until 3pm until school breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July. Year 1 will be taught in groups ('bubbles') of 10 pupils maximum. Year 1 pupils will be taught in the St Richard's Building.

It is currently still our plan that, from Monday 29th June, Reception pupils will return to school from 9.30am until 3.30pm until school breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July. They will be taught in groups ('bubbles') of 12 pupils maximum. Reception pupils will be taught in the EYFS Building.

In the case of Y1 and Reception children, they will only be allowed to attend if parents have already informed us in advance via email or phone (the closing date is 3pm on the Wednesday before Y1 and Reception are due to return).

No other year groups (including Nursery) will be able to return to St Richard's until after the Summer holidays. You will not be pressured to send your child back to school this term and the government has said that there will be no fines issued to parents of children not attending school. Please note:

- All **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** pupils are required to self-isolate and must not attend school.
- All pupils who live with a person who is Clinically Extremely Vulnerable must also not attend school.
- All pupils, or persons within their household that have COVID 19 symptoms must not attend school.

I need to make it clear that, sadly, if you send your child back to St Richard's in June, it will be a very different experience from the one they are used to.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with **free** online editions of the Wednesday Word. These are available every Wednesday by visiting www.wednesdayword.org, clicking "Schools please click here for the Primary School version" and then following the link. The Wednesday Word this week is **NOURISH**.

FEAST DAY OF SAINT

RICHARD

Next Tuesday, 16th June, is the feast day of our school's patron saint, St Richard of Chichester. It would be lovely if we could all pray our patron's prayer at some point on that day. It is:

*Thanks be to Thee, my
Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou
hast given me,
For the pains and insults
Which Thou has borne for
me.
O most merciful
Redeemer, Friend and
Brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly
Day by Day.*



There is some additional information about St Richard on the school's website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richard-of-chichester/> and it would also be very fitting to find out more about St Richard on his feast day.

ONLINE RESOURCES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Home Learning Plans produced by our teachers for every year group from Nursery to Year 6 for Week 11 and Week 12 (Monday 15th June until Friday 26th June) will be available on the Home Learning section of the school website by 9am on Monday 15th June. Please also remember that you can supplement these plans with all the other resources sign-posted on our website such as Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. Our bespoke St Richard's fortnightly Home Learning Plans will continue to be available on the website for every year group every fortnight until we break up for the Summer holidays on Friday 17th July.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED WHILE WE ARE CLOSED

Remember, if you need any support from school, please let us know by emailing comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk. You are welcome to share any questions or concerns using the above email address and we will endeavour to respond. During the closure period, some families will also receive phone calls from school staff to have a chat about how things are going. Please make a habit of visiting the home page of the school website (www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) regularly for updates on the coronavirus situation as it impacts on our school community (Thursday afternoon is a particularly good time to do this). We will continue to use ParentMail texts as well as the weekly newsletter in order to communicate important information while we are closed. The weekly newsletter will be available every Thursday afternoon at: www.st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/letters-reports/

With every best wish,

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