



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2020

Thursday 25th June 2020

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL TO RECEPTION PUPILS

On Monday 29th June, Reception children will be able to return to school from 9.30am until 3.30pm **as long as parents have already informed us in advance** (the closing date for starting next Monday was yesterday, 24th June at 3pm). Children will be taught in groups ('bubbles') of 12 pupils maximum until school breaks up for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July. Reception bubbles will be taught in the EYFS Building. The arrangements are:

- Reception children must arrive at the **main Sutcliffe Avenue gate** between 9.30am and 9.39am each morning. They may be accompanied by a maximum of one parent or carer. This gate will be locked at exactly 9.40am every morning.
- Each child and their one parent/carer may have to queue. If this is the case, you must use the yellow floor markings on the pavement on Sutcliffe Avenue in order to maintain social distancing.
- Reception children will exit from the **main Sutcliffe Avenue gate** at 3.30pm every day and must be picked up on time by one parent/carer, observing social distancing.
- Children 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 Reception who attend.
- 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 at 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.

Y6, Y1 and Reception children will only be allowed to attend St Richard's if parents have informed us in advance via email or phone (the weekly closing date is 3pm on the Wednesday before the Monday that children 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 **FAITH**.

CONFIRMATION FOR OUR CURRENT YEAR 6 PUPILS

A message from Fr Michael Deas (Assistant priest St Catherine's, Didsbury and St Ambrose, Chorlton):

The Diocese of Salford has changed the age at which children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to when they are in Year 8. So your child is due to be Confirmed in Easter 2022. Confirmation is the next sacramental milestone after First Holy Communion, when a person 'confirms' their faith and is strengthened by the Holy Spirit. All the preparation for this Sacrament will be organised on a local deanery level, or in your local parish. At this time, we are just contacting you to make you aware and so that you can register your interest. So, if you and your child are interested in taking part in the preparation and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill out and submit the attached Google Form and your parish priest will contact you with more information in the future.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNmxelw4nYSOmOCF40vCpR-6q_0uzoKoxliHoMsBeUIa0EeA/viewform

ONLINE RESOURCES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Home Learning Plans produced by our teachers for every year group from Nursery to Year 6 for Week 13 and Week 14 (Monday 29th June until Friday 10th July) will be available on the Home Learning section of the school website by Monday 29th 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 continue to 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,

Mr J Murray

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