



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2021

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## FULL SCHOOL RE-OPENING ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the Prime Minister announced the government's plan for the return of all pupils to schools and colleges, as part of the [roadmap for leaving lockdown](#).

We are delighted that St Richard's RC Primary School will re-open for all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Attendance is mandatory and all parents are expected to send their child to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 onwards.

Entry and exit times and procedures for pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March are very similar to the arrangements we had in place when we re-opened in September 2020. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the **start of the day**:

Parents and carers **must** wear a face mask or covering when they drop off their child(ren). Parents and carers will not be allowed onto the school site without an appointment.

Children in Nursery must enter school through the **Nursery gate on Sutcliffe Avenue** between 8.50am and 8.58am. A member of staff will be on duty at the gate.

Children in **R1, R2, C1, C2, C3 and C4** must enter school through the **main gate on Sutcliffe Avenue** between 8.30am and 8.58am. A member of staff will be on duty at the gate.

Children in **C5, C6, C8, C12 and C13** must enter school through the **gate on Wilpshire Avenue** between 8.30am and 8.58am. A member of staff will be on duty at the gate.

Children in **C7, C9, C10 and C11** must enter school through the **gate on Norton Avenue** between 8.30am and 8.58am and then enter class via their classroom's outside door. A member of staff will be on duty at the Norton Avenue gate.

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at the **end of the day**:

All children in Nursery will be dismissed through the Nursery gate on Sutcliffe Avenue at **3pm**.

Children in **R1 and R2** will be dismissed through the main gate (KS1 entrance) on **Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.15pm**.

Children in **C1 and C2** will be dismissed through the wide gate on **Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.25pm**.

Children in **C3 and C4** will be dismissed from the **staff car park at 3.30pm**.

Children in **C5, C6 and C8** will be dismissed from the KS1 Playground through the wide gates on **Wilpshire Avenue at 3.20pm**.

Children in **C12 and C13** will be dismissed from the KS1 Playground through the wide gates on **Wilpshire Avenue at 3.30pm**.

Children in **C7** will be dismissed through the gate on **Norton Avenue at 3.15pm**

Children in **C9** will be dismissed through the gate on **Norton Avenue at 3.20pm**

Children in **C10** will be dismissed through the gate on **Norton Avenue at 3.25pm**

Children in **C11** will be dismissed through the gate on **Norton Avenue at 3.30pm**.

The staggered dismissal will minimise mixing and cut down on contacts. Parents and carers are not allowed onto the school site at the end of the school day. Only one parent or carer per household should pick up pupils. Parents **must** wear a mask or face covering at these times. It is vitally important that pupils are always picked up on time. Parents and carers who are collecting children in more than one class where pick-up times clash must prioritise the collection of younger pupils.

The Department for Education (DfE) has stated: *'the overwhelming evidence is that the risk to children and young people from coronavirus (COVID-19) is low, but the risks to children and young people of being out of school and college are high and increase the longer restrictions on education are in force. Whilst education settings can be places where transmission occurs, there is no strong evidence of them driving largescale community transmission'*.

## PLEASE WEAR A MASK AT THE GATES

Once all children return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, it is vital that all parents and carers wear a mask or other face covering every time they drop off and pick their children up. This is to reduce the risk of transmission at the school gates and is designed to protect everyone - parents, children and our staff. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, please let a member of staff know. If you do not, please wear one.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Please send your child(ren) back to school in full school uniform. Pupils must not wear earrings (or any other jewellery) from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Girls may wear smart school trousers, grey or black tights (white tights with summer uniform after the Easter holidays) or grey, black or white socks. Leggings or footless tights are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes and school ties are required for all pupils until Summer uniform may be worn after the Easter break. Our full current school uniform policy is available here: [School Uniform Policy](#)

## RETURNING SCHOOL LAPTOPS

If you have borrowed a school laptop, we do want it back but please do not return it to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further instructions will follow.

## RETURNING CGP BOOKS AND ENRICHMENT WORK

Similarly, we want all children to return the CGP workbooks which were posted out in early January (and enrichment projects completed by pupils) but please do not return these to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further instructions will follow.

## 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](http://www.wednesdayword.org), clicking "Schools please enter here for the Primary School version" and then following the link. The Wednesday's Word is now back to its usual online format and this Wednesday's word is **ENTHUSIASM**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	School reopens to all pupils
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	British Summer Time begins (clocks move forward by 1 hour at 1am on 28/03/21)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April (Maundy Thursday)	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday Bank Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens following Easter holidays
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Ramadan begins

With every best wish and hoping that you all stay safe and well,

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