



St. Ethelbert's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, all children are expected to return to school on a full-time basis on **Monday 8th March 2021**. As a school, we continue to work extremely hard to provide a safe environment for staff, children and visitors.

With the return of all children, the arrangements that have been in place since September will continue and I ask for your co-operation in following our procedures. **Those parents whose children have attended school during this latest lockdown should note the changes.**

'Bubbles' or Groupings

Our children will continue to be grouped in bubbles – Nursery/Reception; Year 1 & Year 2; Year 3 & Year 4 and Year 5 & Year 6 to reduce the number of contacts and to control infection. Each class will be taught separately and will not mix with other classes for any classroom activities. However, at lunchtime, they will be able to mix safely with the children from the other class in their bubble.

School timings

In order to meet the Department of Education's requirements for social distancing and minimising contact, the school day is 20 minutes longer than normal. This is to ensure that no learning time is lost due to additional hand washing etc and also to keep different bubbles apart. Year groups will continue to have different start and finish times to ensure that the number of parents on site is reduced.

For Year 2, the day will start at 8.30am and finish at 3.00pm. (Parents whose children attended during lockdown, please note the earlier start time).

It is vital that your child arrives on time (but not too early) and leaves promptly at the end of the day. This is to avoid unnecessary mixing of bubbles.

The one-way system for entering and exiting the site will continue and we would ask that all parents follow the procedure. Please arrive promptly at your designated time to avoid too many parents gathering on the playground. Remember, if you have children in other year groups, you **MUST** pick them up in order of their pick up times. Parents cannot wait until the latest pick up time to collect all their children at once as we cannot have groups of children waiting in school to be collected. Neither can children leave class early, as they will miss valuable learning time. **Parents who take advantage of this situation will be liable to charges as outlined in our Attendance Policy.** Visit www.st-ethelberts.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Attendance-Policy-1.pdf to view policy.

As before, please ensure that snack money is in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name, to be handed to a member of staff on the school yard or at the office window.



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Face coverings

To help control rates of infection, we ask that all adults coming onto school site wear a face covering; this is to keep everyone safe and to lessen the risk of classes having to be closed for self-isolation. After such another long absence, we need to do everything in our power to keep them in school and to avoid bubble closures.

Children should NOT wear a face covering in school, as outlined in the Government guidelines for primary school children.

As before, please inform school if your child has COVID19 symptoms and take them for a test. For more information please click on <https://st-ethelberts.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Symptoms-of-COVID.pdf> to view.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Messham
Headteacher