



# St Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents,

## End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will go out on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please confirm receipt by emailing [reply@st-teresarc.essex.sch.uk](mailto:reply@st-teresarc.essex.sch.uk). You may include any response you wish to make about your child's report at the same time.

## Return to School September 2020

We have been making plans for the children's return to school in September. These arrangements are based on **current** Government guidance, which could be subject to change. You will be informed of any changes to these arrangements via the school website or email if necessary.

Bubbles will continue to operate, but will form 'families' of two year groups in key stages one and two. Nursery and Early Years will continue to operate in individual bubbles. It will not be possible to socially distance when all the children return but we will minimise movement around the classrooms and around the school building. In class, children will all sit at their forward-facing table which will be spaced out across the room. Children will have access to limited learning resources, which will be cleaned daily. We will continue to ensure regular handwashing throughout the day.

Children will be able to mix with other children in their bubble, but close contact will be discouraged. Break time and lunch time will be staggered to prevent bubbles from crossing. Staggered timings will also operate at the beginning and end of the school day.

The curriculum will be tailored to incorporate learning gaps that have been created during the summer term. P.E. will take place as usual.

We have been unable to allow children to bring food or drink into school, but with the change of the guidelines, from September children may bring in a packed lunch. We will therefore revert to the previous school dinner arrangements. The cost of a school meal will remain at £2.20 per day in September. Children will eat their lunch in the dining hall with their bubble.

We will be unable to run the tuck shop, so children may bring in a *piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar only* for their mid-morning snack.

Water bottles should not be brought in – we will provide water in disposable cups.

Small bottles of hand sanitiser for personal use will be permitted, to be left on the child's table.

## Staggered start and end of the school day

The arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day are as follows:

Nursery to arrive between 8.30 am until 8.40 am, entering through the usual gate. Children to be collected as usual at 11.30 or 3.00 pm.

Early Years to arrive between 8.45 am and 8.55 am, using the Nursery gate as usual. Children to be collected at 3.00 pm as usual.

Year 1 and Year 2 to arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 am using the main playground gate. Children to be collected between 2.55 pm and 3.00 pm.

Year 3 and Year 4 to arrive from 8.40 until 8.50 am using the main playground gate. Children to be collected between 3.00 and 3.05 pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 will enter through the gate to the general office between 8.30 am and 8.40 am. Children to be collected from 3.10 pm.

Siblings will be catered for to prevent adults having to wait around. We ask you to stick to your slot as much as possible, and to avoid congregating outside the school gate. Please ensure that only one adult accompanies a family to school to prevent congestion. On collection from the main playground at the end of the day, please follow the signs indicating waiting areas for each class whilst maintaining social distancing.

#### Early Morning Care Club – September 2020

From September the Breakfast club will no longer run and we will instead be running an Early Morning Care Club. Full details of arrangements are detailed on a letter enclosed with your child's school report.

#### After-School Clubs

After school club provision will be extremely limited due to cross contamination of pupils and staff. We can offer one club only for each bubble, excluding Early Years. Information regarding clubs will be issued in September but they will all be sports based.

#### Free School Meal Provision

If your child is entitled to free school meals, you will receive vouchers to cover the summer holiday period next week.

#### Year 6

Next Friday, Year 6 pupils will come together again to enjoy a retreat day here at school. They will participate in fun activities, enjoy a lovely lunch and have the chance to say goodbye to one another and their teachers. We are very proud of each and every one of them, and wish them all well in their new schools.

Bishop Alan has recorded a special message for Year 6 pupils. You can view his message using this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIoKpIsTaws&feature=youtu.be>

#### Thank You

These have been unprecedented and very challenging times for everyone. We would like to thank the vast majority of families who have been so kind and supportive during these difficult days.

Have a lovely weekend with your family.

Mrs Cashell