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St Oswald's Catholic Community:  
With Christ at the centre of our  
community, our mission is to live,  
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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### The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Following the announcement on Monday evening by the Prime Minister, we are happy to confirm our school will be re-opening to ALL pupils on Monday 8 March 2021. From that date onwards, attendance will be compulsory for all children.

We are really looking forward to everyone being back at school together but we still have to carry out all our control systems to make sure we are as safe as possible. Handwashing, sanitising, no touching will remain key messages for the children. We ask that you continue to wear masks and distance at drop off and collection times.

Children are to come into school in **full uniform** with a warm coat, PE Kit and water bottle. PE kits are to be brought to school on Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing.

Please ensure that you child does not bring toys etc from home into school.

If Y6 pupils are walking/cycling home, they may bring their phone into school which will be kept securely in the school office, ready for collection at the end of the day.

#### **Drop and Go:**

No adults will be allowed through the gate in the mornings. Your children are to come through the gate independently. We cannot have additional adults accessing classrooms so please adhere to this as it will keep staff and pupils safe.

To ease the car park, ensure distancing with adults and make sure we can keep a calm entry to school, please stick to these timings:

8.40 am all siblings

8.50 am children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with no brothers or sisters at school

Gate will be closed at 8.55am prompt.

#### **Lunchtime:**

Our school kitchen will provide hot school meals from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Infant children will eat in the hall. Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6 will have a hot packed lunch delivered to their classrooms as the junior children will eat in class to reduce movement around school.

Meal arrangements for your child will continue the same as in the autumn term. If it is any different, please let us know before school re-opens (preferably by email).

## **Collect and Go:**

By far the biggest logistic will be making sure that the children leave the school site safely whilst minimising adults on the playground and car park. **Only 1 adult per family is to collect.** Please be prompt. You will be expected to distance yourselves and leave the school site as quickly as possible.

3.10 pm Siblings

3.20 pm Key Stage 1 and 2 children who have no brothers or sisters at school

## **Clubs:**

Early Birds Breakfast Club and After School Club will be operating from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Breakfast Club opens at 7.40am. If you wish to contact the After School Club, please call Janine on 07415 483970

Please ring the bell at the school entrance when dropping your child at Breakfast Club Please do not enter the building. A member of staff will let your child in.

No other clubs will be operating until further notice.

## **COVID-19 Protective Measures:**

The following protective measures will continue:

- A full Risk Assessment is in place following government guidance, published on our website
- Each classroom has hand sanitiser, virucidal spray, wipes and tissues for use throughout the day.
- Handwashing and/or use of hand sanitiser will take place throughout the day
- Classes will be taught in year group bubbles.
- Within classrooms, children from Year 3-6 will be seated at forward facing desks, sat side by side, with distancing where possible.
- Classrooms will be ventilated as much as possible
- Frequently used items, such as pencils and pens, will be provided for children and kept on their desks in a pencil case, which will also be provided. Children DO NOT need to bring any stationery items in to school.
- Please inform school if one of your household is tested positive for Covid –19
- Please DO NOT send you child into school if they have any symptoms of COVID –19. I do have to keep everyone as safe as possible during the times we are at school as staff do have families of their own that they return to every day.
- Please continue to phone or e-mail with your queries. If you do need to enter the entrance area, please ensure that you are wearing a mask. Please note only one person allowed in at a time.

## **Schools Fruit Scheme:**

Fruit will continue to be provided for all Infant aged pupils free of charge as part of the Government's Healthy Schools Initiative. KS2 (Junior) pupils are also encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to school for their morning break. No other snacks are permitted.

## **Absence (Illness):**

If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school before 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1<sup>st</sup> Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide a letter explaining the absence. If no explanation is received in writing, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised. Please continue to inform us if any of your household is tested positive for COVID-19.

## **Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:**

Where possible, please try to make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to the school office and, again be 'signed in'. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

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## Medical Reminders:

- If your child needs to take medicine, please arrange for this to take place out of school hours. However, if this is not possible, parents are asked to contact school in order to arrange a convenient time for parents, carers or other family member to call in and administer the medicine themselves. This is because there is no suitable storage place for medicine in school, there is always a risk that a double dose could be given or a dose forgotten or the medicine could remain in school overnight. Thank you.
- If your child is sick or has an accident in school, we will need to contact you as soon as possible. To enable us to keep contact addresses and telephone numbers up to date, it is imperative that we are notified of any changes using the 'change of details' form which is available from the trays outside the school office. Thank you. There have been several occasions now where we have not been able to contact first or second contacts due to numbers not being recognised so please keep us up to date.

## Home Learning:

Only 5 Daily Blogs left to go now so a huge thank you for your commitment and efforts to make sure your child did as much as they could manage over the last 7 weeks. The reading uptake was phenomenal! So we need to make World Book Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March a day to celebrate a real love of books and reading. Whether you are at home or school, join in the fun by dressing up as a book character. Upload a photo to Seesaw and send a message about your favourite book, telling us why it is your favourite!

Moving Works have kindly donated a £10 Book Voucher which will be given for the best message we receive. (Don't worry if you don't dress up but still send your message) We will announce the winner in the next newsletter on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

We are going to be launching our World Book Day Sponsored Read on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when we are all back together so that is something to look forward to!

Please do not worry about where your child is and how much catching up they need to do. We are ready !

And finally...

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Louis in Y3 and his family every day since the sad news of his Mum's death. It goes without saying that the Y3 pupils have been a superb support to Louis and his family would like to say how grateful they are for all the messages and kindness shown.

'Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us.  
They live on in the kindness they shared and the love they brought into our lives.'

Yours sincerely

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