

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us



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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer. Staff have been in school today and yesterday getting everything ready for the children to return tomorrow, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them all back.

Please take a moment to remind yourselves and your children of the measures in place to ensure that this return is safe for all the children and staff by having another look through the guidance which was shared in July and remains available on the school website. Please remind your child of the importance of hand hygiene and limiting contact with others. The key information is outlined below – please take particular note of changes which have had to be made to drop off and pick arrangements due to an oil leak over the summer which now means that the driveway between St Vincent's and Penketh South is currently inaccessible.

Dropping off in a morning:

All children should be dropped off between 8.30 and 8.45 – the gates will be locked at 8.45 to minimise cross over with Penketh South's drop off times

All children in Years 3 – 6 should be dropped off at the main green gates at the entrance to the playground and walk round to their classroom door

Where possible, children in Years 1 and 2 should also be dropped off at the main green gates at the entrance to the playground and walk to their classroom door also. If children will not enter the playground without an adult, they can be accompanied to the coloured fence but parents should not enter the Reception Class outdoor area beyond this fence.

Pick up at the end of day:

At home time, all parents / carers should enter the playground through the main green gates. Please do not arrive at school too early in order to support us in keeping the number of people on site to a minimum

| | Time: |
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| Reception, Year 1 and 2 | 2.45 |
| Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 | 3.00 |

Adults should wait near to their child's classroom door, but at a safe distance to allow staff to see who is there. Teachers will dismiss children directly from classrooms to the next waiting adult.

Parents / carers should drop off and pick up only their own children.

When dropping off and picking up, children should be accompanied by only one adult, and everyone on the school playground must follow the one-way system in place for entering and exiting the playground.

Social distancing rules must be followed: there must be a 2 metre distance between you and anyone not from the same household. Parents/carers must not gather on the playground or at the school gates. When on the playground waiting, markings should be followed.

Parents/carers must not enter the school building. Contact with teachers must be made via the telephone or email.



Resources from home

Reading books and diaries will be exchanged between home and school. When reading books are returned to school and changed, books will be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours. Children's reading will be re-assessed initially, so reading books may not be sent home straight away.

The only items to be brought into school from home are:

- Lunchbox (cleaned daily at home)
- Water bottle (cleaned daily and filled at home)
- Coat if required
- Reading book and school diary
- Children can bring items in a bag if required, but this must be in line with school uniform expectations: book bag for all classes up to Year 5; **small** rucksack for Year 6
- **NO OTHER ITEMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL**

Lunchtime

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will continue to have the option of a free meal under the universal infant free school meals policy. School meals for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will return to the usual 3 week cycle of hot meal choices. The hall will be split into 3 areas to keep each class separate and children will remain seated at all times. Meals will be pre-ordered and midday staff will bring children their lunch.

School meals will also be available for Key Stage 2 children, free of charge for pupils who qualify for benefits-related free school meals or paid for via ParentPay. School meals for Key Stage 2 children will be a hot packed lunch. Key Stage 2 children will all eat their lunch in their classrooms. Packed lunches sent from home should include items that children can open without adult help as far as possible so that adults can remain socially distanced as far as practically possible.

Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform (see list on the website). On the days when children have PE, all children should attend wearing their PE kit – please make sure that PE kits are in line with uniform expectation.

Attendance

Normal attendance expectations are now resumed. Please notify school in the usual way if your child is unwell. If symptoms are those associated with COVID-19, you will be required to take a test and notify us of the outcome in case others need to isolate due to close contact.

Please also be reminded that if you have been out of the UK in the last 2 weeks, you may be required to self-isolate and this may impact on your child's return to school. Please notify school if this is the case so that we can record this appropriately on the register.

Further information will be shared with you over the coming days in relation to the use of Microsoft Teams for remote learning for those children who are isolating and homework provision, and the PE timetable will also be shared so that you know which days your child should wear their PE kit.

And to finish...some wonderful news! Congratulations to Mrs Millington who got married over the summer and now returns as Mrs Hughes! Wishing Mr and Mrs Hughes every happiness from everyone at St Vincent's.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all tomorrow,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dominic".

Mr Dominic Vernon
Head Teacher