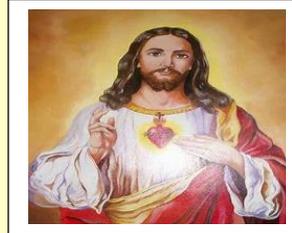


# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2020



Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Accompanying this newsletter are 3 other documents in regards to the planned phased re-opening of schools.

- 4 page letter regarding the planned phased re-opening of school. Apologies this is so long but there's a lot of information to communicate
- Timeline for school re-opening
- Summary of timings for the class(es) who are returning

During this week, Wigan have communicated to their schools that we should plan for a phased return on the 8<sup>th</sup> June and not the 1<sup>st</sup> June. The Government are due to announce on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, whether their 5 tests have been met and whether schools can safely begin to re-open or not.

If the guidance changes and schools are tasked with opening more widely or in a more timely manner, then we are in a position to amend our plans and cater for any new amendments.

We will be writing, early next week, to those parents whose children are scheduled to return in Phase 1, seeking an idea as to who will be returning. We are only contacting you next week, as this allows time for you to digest the information in the 4 page letter.

As always, thank you for your continued patience and support during these ever changing and unprecedented times.

Enjoy your extended weekend and half term holiday.  
Mr M<sup>c</sup>Dermott

## May Half Term

Staff and governors would like to wish all of our families a lovely and relaxing half term. We hope you all manage to spend some family time together. Thank you for all that you have done during the past 9 weeks. We appreciate that this has been at times difficult and frustrating and that it has affected you all differently. This will be the case moving forward.

There will be no work set next week as it is half term week. Enjoy the break.

School is closed Bank Holiday Monday. We are then open for Key Worker children only from Tuesday onwards.

After the half term, there are a number of changes planned for schools across the country, which will affect some families more than others – proposed school re-opening for example.

If your home circumstances change and you need to inform school of this or you require school's support in contacting a range of services, then please get in touch via email and we will contact you directly. The school's phone number is still being re-directed to Mr Gore at home.

## Absence during phased school re-opening update: If your child's class is now back in school.

As stated in the FAQs last week, the decision to return is yours.

Update – if a parent chooses to keep their child off school, they need to ring school each day they are off, explaining their child's absence (Government Guidance).

### Home Learning:

As mentioned previously, we will be changing our plans after the Half Term holidays. We feel Purple Mash has served its course and staff are being redeployed again to fulfil different roles across school to meet the new needs placed upon us.

We have purchased a range of mathematics and English pupil books for all our pupils to work from in Years 1 - 6 to complete at home (or in school (Key Workers) - the books cannot be transferred daily between the 2 sites).

Should this require you to spend more time supporting your child, as your work commitments prevent you from being able to do so, please do not worry about this - the current situation affects us all differently. Simply, complete what you can when you can.

At this point, as there is a shed of light regarding schools re-opening, schools are being asked to share the need that the children have some kind of work routine. Again, this will be different for each of you - some may need to have school work planned for early evening or the weekends, others may have work planned across the day.

To supplement this work, staff have produced a range of activities to support a range of other subjects. This is to ensure the children continue to experience other curriculum areas.

Over the summer holidays, staff will continue to analyse the curriculum and continue tweaking it so that it allows for any gaps in learning or missed topics.

### Home Learning Collection:

Year 6 - Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30am - 11.30am

Year 5 - Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm - 3pm

Year 4 - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30 am - 11.30am

Year 3 - Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm - 3pm

Year 2 - Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May - 9.30am - 11.30am

Year 1 - Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May - 1pm - 3pm

Reception - We will be in touch regarding the work for Reception, as text books are not suitable for your children.

If you have more than one child, please collect both children's pack when you come to school. If there are people in front of you, please adhere to rules of social distancing - keep 2m apart.

### Classes who are not planned to return:

We hope you are all well and managing at home. If you are struggling, please contact school to let us know (email).

We know this is a difficult time for you all. Rest assured you are in our thoughts and at the forefront of our decisions moving forward. We cannot wait to see you all again – hopefully, it is sooner than currently planned.

Stay patient as, when you return, we will hopefully be ready to open our new Forest School area. We should hear on the 4<sup>th</sup> June, whether our bid has been successful and what happens next.