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Catholic Voluntary Academy

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**OUR LADY
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CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Headteacher: Mrs T Lane

Dear Parents & Carers,

September 2020

Welcome back. We are very much looking forward to having you all back in school, we have missed you and your wonderful children greatly.

Safety Measures

Please be reassured that we have made school as safe as possible; your child will remain in their class 'bubble' throughout the day. At lunchtime, their bubble will have their own section in the dinner hall separated from other bubbles. There is enhanced cleaning of common touch points and resources throughout the school day. Across key stage 1 and 2, each child has their own stationary, which they will not share with others. There will be some sharing of bigger resources but only between children in their bubble; these resources will be cleaned regularly and children will wash their hands before and after using equipment. Hand sanitiser is available in every room and around school and all children will have regular hand washing/sanitising sessions throughout the day. Staggered start and end of day times and break times for each class bubble and one-way systems around school minimise the contact you and your child will have with others reducing the risk of transmission of the virus. These are just some of the safety measures we have put in place to maintain safety for the children and staff.

What happens if a child becomes ill?

If a child becomes ill whilst at school with any coronavirus symptoms, a new or persistent cough, high temperature, loss or change of sense of smell or taste, we would contact the parent immediately to collect their child. In our school, we have medical rooms set up where the child would be taken and looked after by a first aider until collected. It is very important that we have your up to date contact details and at least one other person we can contact in an emergency. We would ask the parent to get the child tested immediately, explain how to arrange a test and ask for the results as soon as they come back. We will not test children in school. Current government guidance is, the child would then need to stay at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days, household members would need to self-isolate for 14 days. Should this happen, we will continue to provide educational materials for the child during this period. To reassure you, we have not had any confirmed cases of coronavirus in any of our Trust schools to date.

Face Coverings

We follow the government guidance in all areas and have an extensive risk assessment in place. The current government guidance on face masks/coverings is that primary school children do not need to wear a face covering and stated:

'Face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided'.

We do appreciate that you may have some anxiety about returning your child to school, especially if they haven't been in school since March. We are ready and excited to have your child in school to continue their education and see their friends and want you to feel reassured that their safety and wellbeing is our first priority. If you have any concerns please call the school office and arrange a time to speak to their class teacher who will call you back as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Tracy Lane
Headteacher