

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

St Bede's Catholic Academy will be open to all children from Wednesday September 2nd 2020 and school will once again become compulsory for all children. We can't wait to see school full again with children. We have missed their chatter, laughter and their smiles.

School will open from 8.45am. The end of the day will be 3.10.

Children will enter school via their normal doors, **with the exception of year 6 who will leave and enter school via the hall doors in the carpark.**

We do not underestimate the scale of challenge ahead of us. The guidance for full opening is complex and lengthy. But be assured, we have exercised comprehensive risk assessments, good judgement and a healthy dose of common sense and because of that, St Bede's is able to accommodate all children safely in key stage and year group bubbles.

Below are the key points that we have sent out to you via social media and email in July:

- Children will be taught in year group bubbles, they will not mix with other classes closely. A key stage bubble will be created for lunch times.
- Breakfast club will resume in mid to late September, you will be notified of the reopening in early September. For the first few weeks of term, there will be no breakfast club. Please contact school if this is going to cause you significant difficulties.

- PE will be outside as much as possible. We will be encouraging children to bring a track suit for PE once the weather becomes colder. Uniform should be worn as normal.
- Lunchtime will be staggered over a two hour period, to ensure no mixing of class bubbles in the hall or playgrounds.
- Where possible, try to make an appointment to see you're your child's class teacher or myself. We encourage phone appointments, if possible.
- Children will be getting a hot meal and we will be moving away from the packed lunch option once the weather turns colder. Children who normally bring a packed lunch will continue to do so.
- You will be encouraged to follow the queuing system in school and one way systems that we have had in place since early June for pick up and drop off times.
- Year 6 will enter/leave school via the hall doors. We will stagger the classes' entry and exit to avoid congestion. No loitering on the playgrounds of children, parents or carers will be permitted.
- Year 1 and year 2 will be dismissed from the lower playground at the bottom of the steps at the end of each day. Parents will be asked to wait away from their class and keep a social distance from other parents.

SEE YOU ALL TOMORROW.

