

## Reopening plans of St Bede's Catholic Academy March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been an extraordinary and difficult year for us all. St Bede's has remained open since day one of lockdown three. We have offered a safe and secure place for our key workers and vulnerable children. We have provided daily online lessons for all children and supported these lessons with weekly work packs.

Your engagement and support have been amazing, we would like to thank all our parents and carers who have supported their children with their learning and have remained in contact with school. It has been a tricky time for you all. Your dedication to your child's education has been so impressive. THANK YOU!

We are now delighted to have all the children return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

**School will be open to all children from this date 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.

The government guidance for full opening is complex and lengthy. But be assured, we have exercised a comprehensive risk assessment, good judgement and a healthy dose of common sense and because of that, St Bede's is able to accommodate all children safely in year group bubbles. We will post on all of our social media platforms information about the arrangements we have made for the children to return. Below are the key points:

**School will open at 8.45 – 9.00. The end of the day will be 3.10. Year 6 and year 5 will enter school via the hall doors. We will stagger the classes' entry and exit to avoid congestion. No loitering on the playgrounds will be permitted. Because we have multiple entrances to school, we do not need to stagger start and end times of the school day.**

- Like last term, 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 be open from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- KS2 children are encouraged to wear masks for short periods, when in communal areas. Your support for this last term was wonderful.
- PE will be outside as much as possible. We will be encouraging children to bring a track suit for PE when the weather is colder. Children can come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE.
- Lunchtime will be staggered over a two-hour period, to ensure no mixing of class bubbles in the hall or playgrounds.
- If you need to, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher or myself. We encourage phone appointments, if possible.

- Children will be getting a hot meal at school. No grab bags are available yet.
- The queuing system for entry and exit to school and one-way systems are still in place.
- To minimise social contact, only one adult will be permitted to collect families (younger siblings can accompany this adult).
- **We ask that all adults entering school grounds are to wear a face mask to protect others and themselves.**
- **Do not collect other families' children or car share with other families (unless they are part of your one permitted childcare or support bubble). This is in line with the current Covid laws and will ensure social contact is kept down to a minimum on school grounds.**

We will post on all our social media platforms and DOJO information about the arrangements we have made for the children to return.

Be assured, school will work hard to close any gaps in their learning and help the children get back into a much-needed routines and expectations. We have no doubt you will support us fully in this and your children will do their very best. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school. We will be happy to help.

With very kindest wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernadette Rizzi-Allan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Rizzi-Allan.