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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School

'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'

Dear Parents & Carers,

04.06.20.

Emergency Contact Number

Mr Bartram has the school mobile which will be on between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, for emergencies only. Please call 07956 662797 should you need to speak to him.

Other contact methods are still available – Class Dojo, school phone number, and office email admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk

Re-opening

All plans are in place for our reopening on Monday 8th June 2020. Hopefully, you had all had chance to read through the parent's guide that I emailed last Friday. This is also available on our school website. The BKCAT Trust board have approved our risk assessment which all schools must produce before reopening. A staff INSET day was held on Friday 31st May, sharing our plans with all staff and no stone was left unturned.

Class groups (bubbles) have been formed and staff deployed to each bubble.

Nursery bubble

9:00-12:00 or 9:00-3:00 for our CW families.

Nursery children to be taught in Nursery classroom by Mrs McBride and Mrs Shelton in the morning. Mrs Woodall will support Mrs Shelton in an afternoon for the Critical worker nursery children who are staying.

Reception bubble

9:00-3:15

Reception children to be taught in Class 1 by Miss Smith and Mrs Crabtree in the morning. Mrs O'Brien will support Miss Smith in the afternoon.

Year 1 bubble

9:00-3:15

Year 1 children to be taught in Class 2 by Miss Aspinall all day.

Critical Worker group 1

8:45-3:00

KS1 critical worker children to be taught in Class 4 by Mrs Ridgeon (Mon-Wed), Mrs Hunnisett (Wed-Thurs) and Mrs Trafford (Fri)

Critical Worker group 2

8:45-3:00

KS2 critical worker children to be taught in Class 3 by Miss Jackson all day. Mrs Brian will be teaching these children on a Tuesday.

Lunches

Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms with exception of reception who will eat their lunch in the hall.

Please make sure you preorder your lunch on Live Kitchen website as the children will be unable to order in school. Any nursery child staying full day will require a packed lunch.

Playtimes

Each group will have a designated zone on the field or playground which they will play in; this will be separate from different bubbles. Each bubble will have their own outdoor play box made up of appropriate resources which will be cleaned regularly. Children within these groups will be encouraged to stay in their stay space. Nursery and Reception will use the outdoor provision in nursery. Each bubble will be separate from each other and the large equipment will be sprayed at lunchtime.

There will be new signage around school both externally and internally. Please adhere to all the site rules and regulations in order to keep everyone safe. Each bubble will have a character logo which the children can look out for around school. This will guide them to where they need to be: where to line up on the playground, correct zone, their classroom, which toilet (or cubicle to use) and which sink to use. All this will be shared with each bubble separately. I look forward to hearing what they have called their character.

We have had a lovely week in school with our Critical worker children where we have operated our staggered drop offs and picks up effectively. We are confident that next week will be no different.

Home learning

I have sent a Dojo message to KS2 parents today sharing a dropbox link which contains all the White Rose Maths resources. These are arranged into weekly folders which should assist you when finding the appropriate worksheet for your child. Mrs Duffy will continue to post her weekly updates on Dojo and Miss Smith will assist Reception parents with future resources.

If you require any booklets or worksheets printing, please contact school and these can be collected by prior arrangement. Avoid the start and end of day for collection.

Parish Communication

As part of the wider parish community, I would like to share some stories from our school families which will go into the Parish bulletin. Fr Richard is keen to reach out to more families and bring the school and parish closer together. If you would like to contribute anything please send this to admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk and I will liaise with Fr Richard. We will also aim to write some articles with the children in school.

Our Parish community continues to reach out and is here to help you at this difficult time. There are a number of groups working hard to support parishioners and other local residents. Please share this message with anyone you know who is in need of assistance.

Fr Richard is available and can be contacted on 01924 275824

Brenda Burnley is coordinating a Parish support group, which can help with friendly phone calls and shopping and can be contacted on 07969553243

Christine is the point of contact for the SVP who are available to support you in many ways and can be contacted on 07595181363. I am aware that they have a number of food vouchers still available for the families who may require them.

Catholic Care, the Leeds Diocesan Community Response service, is offering a wide range of support and can be contacted on 07739975001, 07739975008 or 07739975009

Reflection

Today's psalm both asks and responds "**Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.....His ways are faithfulness and love.**"

The Gospel then follows on with Jesus responding to the question posed by one of the Scribes about which is the greatest commandment to which Jesus replies "**you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself**". When the Scribe - who as a practising Jew will have repeated You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind each day of his life, repeats back with agreement and understanding that these are more important than any offering, Jesus tells him that he is not far from the Kingdom of God

Faithfulness and love. Wholehearted, with all of our soul and mind.

How much better would our world be if we all lived by these key virtues?

At the beginning of lockdown, we experienced a little of those in action - people keeping faith with one another, with the cause of protecting one another, reconnecting with deeper values than sometimes rule our collective lives and actively showing love to neighbours, community, wider society.

The pandemic made us as a society re-evaluate and live better and ironically in our isolation, more loving and communal lives.

Education is described as a vocation - a calling, not something we just do, but something that defines much of who we are. All of us in our school community are part of this work and do it with heart and soul.

Pope Benedict said that "education is not and must never be considered as purely utilitarian. It is about forming the human person, equipping him or her to live life to the full – in short it is about imparting wisdom" and Pope Francis that "True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life."

Today as our world near and far feels shaken and troubled and the path ahead difficult and unclear, we ask that we with faith and love we continue to seek and take the right path and to encourage and enable our pupils to do so, that we help to build a little of the kingdom of God on earth.

Thank you ever so much for your kind Teacher Thankyou messages which we received. Part of the St Ignatius Prayer says... to labour and not to seek for any reward. This is very true but nevertheless, it brightens my day when I can look up and glance at the kind message written. It means the world.

Love and best wishes

Mr S Bartram