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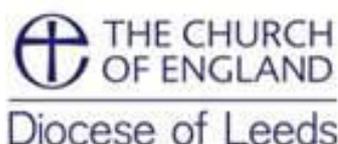
Dear Parents and Carers,

Today the school will close for the Summer holidays, following a very unprecedented time of lockdown, home learning, social distancing, queuing for food, no toilet roll, flour and many more and the roads almost at a standstill. Never could we have imagined that COVID would have had such an impact upon our lives. Thankfully our school community has kept themselves safe and we give thanks for this. Whilst the school remained closed for most children we did open our doors to children of Key workers and from June to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure they have covered for these bubbles even in the event of staff self-isolating, shielding and being unwell. We remained open throughout the school holiday periods to support our key worker families and it has been extremely busy and stressful ensuring we kept all our staff and pupils safe.

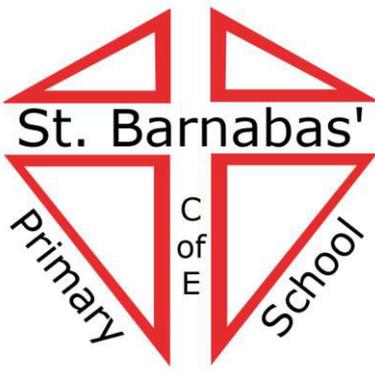
Thankfully we can now re-open for our whole school from the 3rd of September and have been preparing to support our children not only academically but also their well-being and mental health following months of being at home and out of school. The teachers have planned lessons in to address the children's experiences, anxieties and worries for COVID 19 as well as additional pastoral support for pupils who will need reassurance.

In week three we will be completing a COVID Baseline assessment to assess where the children are academically in order to plan forward with narrowing the gaps via whole class teaching strategies, small group support, booster classes and interventions. This is already planned and resourced ready for the children's return to school. I appreciate many parents will be concerned with regards to the missed education but both the Department of Education and school have put actions in place to address this so please be assured we will do our very best to ensure that any gaps in learning are addressed.

The last two newsletters have detailed how school will re-open in September and the plans for this can be found below. To add further to this information, it is important for parents who have not been in school since the closure to note that the main driveway and entrance to school have been separated with a one-way route in and out with social distancing lines. This system continues in school to reduce traffic and children passing each other closely. Every classroom has a sanitising station and children sanitise every time they enter and leave the room. At the start of the day the children's temperature will be checked using an electronic temperature laser to ensure the pupils are well and fit for school. All these measures are in place to ensure the safety of all our school community. The playground will also be separated into 2 Zones to ensure year group bubbles do not mix particularly over the lunchtime period. Parents will not be able to come into school without a prior appointment and all meetings will be pre-arranged unless there is a specific need.



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There will be myself and the pastoral team out to greet you as you arrive to ensure that you are reassured and are able to ask any questions or share any concerns.

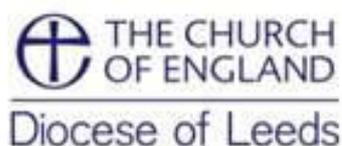
We are intending to continue with the parent information meetings with individual year group bubbles in the hall to allow distancing early September as contact with the class teacher is important following the closure. We will not be holding whole school worship assemblies but these will take place in classes during the week by the class teachers and school leaders. Please see below the timetable of staggered start and end times for drop off and pick up including the entrance into school you are expected to use for the year group your child is in.

Year Group	Drop / Pick up Entrance	Time AM	Time PM
Reception	Rossefield Road Main Entrance	8.25am	3.00pm
Year 1	Rossefield Road Main Entrance	8.35am	3.00pm
Year 2	Village Hall Playground Entrance	8.45am	3.10pm
Year 3	Village Hall Playground Entrance	8.45am	3.10pm
Year 4	Village Hall Playground Entrance	8.50am	3.15pm
Year 5	Rossefield Road Main Entrance	9.00am	3.15pm
Year 6	Rossefield Road Main Entrance	9.10am	3.20pm

Where there is more than one pupil in the family please bring all the children at the **latest** start time and they will be directed to their class by a member of staff. I look forward to seeing you all in September for a busy year ahead! Thankyou to you all for your continued support and I wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Summer.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs D Smith

Headteacher



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