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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

Whether your child has been attending school or you have been home schooling your child, I would like to thank you wholeheartedly for your support over what has been an extremely unusual and difficult time. I do not underestimate how difficult this whole situation has been for you all. You have done an amazing job!

You will be aware that schools are to re-open fully in September. The first day for the children will be **Wednesday 2nd September**. We will of course take into consideration that some children may be reluctant or nervous to return to school, and have concerns of their own. We therefore have plans in place to help them understand their feelings, address their concerns and support their physical and mental well-being.

Careful consideration has been given to Government guidelines, and control measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of children and staff alike. This information will be of particular importance to those families whose children have not been attending.

Attendance:

- The Government are expecting all school children to return in September 2020. Their guidelines state that it is the *parents' duty to ensure that their child attends school*. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us.

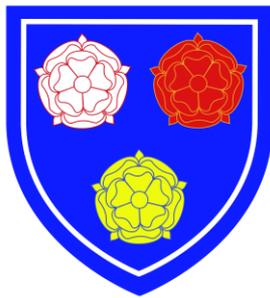
Social Distancing: This will remain in place.

- Bubbles of children - 3 main bubbles will exist. Key Stage 2, Key Stage 1 and Early years
- Each class will remain separated for the majority of the day, with the exception of lunchtime and playtime, when they will be with their Key Stage bubble.
- There will be limited movement around school and no large gatherings, such as assembly or collective worship, will take place.
- Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered, as will lunchtime and breaktime. (See below)

Control Measures:

- Enhanced hygiene processes will remain in place relating to the washing/sanitising of hands. Good respiratory hygiene will take place. ('Catch it, Kill it, Bin it') Enhanced cleaning of the school will take place.
- Holy Rosary will engage fully with the NHS Test and Trace process.





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- Illness - children must remain at home if poorly, even if symptoms appear unrelated to Covid 19. If a child or a member of their household has signs of, or has tested positive for Covid 19, they must remain at home and follow Public Health guidelines around isolation.
- Protocols will be set in place by the Trust relating to the containment of Covid 19 should there be a school/local outbreak. You will receive these in September.

Classrooms:

- Children's desks will be positioned side by side and forward facing.
- **Limited items** are to be brought into school/taken home. We will provide all stationary items for the children and a plastic wallet to transport homework and reading books to and from school.
- **School Bags/book bags** - please do not send your child into school with anything other than **a coat, water bottle and a packed lunch box** if they are not having a school lunch. **No bags/personal belongings will be allowed in school.**
- **Bubble Rules** – These are a set of rules to help the children understand some of the changes they may see and experience whilst in school. They will be placed on our website and Facebook page and staff will discuss these with all children.

Uniform:

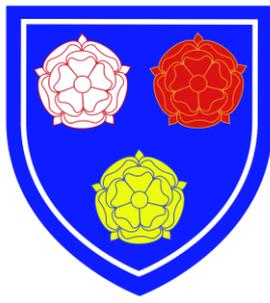
- **Full uniform** is to be worn, including blazer, tie and formal school shoes. (**No trainers**) **Purchase of uniform** – Lollipops, our school uniform provider, is now open for business. Please contact them directly by telephone 01642 225827, or contact directly through Facebook.
- **PE** – on the days that the children have PE, they will be expected to come into school wearing their school PE kit and trainers as the majority of PE will take place outdoors and the cloakrooms will be out of use. A **plain navy tracksuit** may be worn over their PE kit. (See below)
- **Jewellery** – For hygiene and safety reasons, no jewellery of any kind, including watches, can be worn.

Arrival and Dismissal Times: (At these times, a one-way system will be in place. Please ensure that you socially distance from other parents and children)

KS2: (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Arrival 8:40am	Dismissal 2:50pm Please use the main KS2 yard.
KS1: (Years 1 and 2)	Arrival 8.55am	Dismissal 3:10pm Please use the main KS2 yard.
EY: (Nursery & Reception)	Arrival 8:45	Dismissal 3:10pm onwards

Lunches: We will be able to offer your child a full lunch service, including hot meals, from September. The lunch menus are currently on the website. Please note that the cost of a school lunch is now £2.20. If your child has a school lunch, they will eat this in the dining hall with their Key Stage bubble. Cleaning in the dining hall will take place between each sitting.





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Breakfast Club/After School Clubs: Due to current circumstances, we will not be able to offer these clubs for the first half of the autumn term. This will be reviewed before the second half.

PE: Wednesday: Whole school Thursday: KS2 only

Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their outdoor PE kit on the above days.

Lollipops can supply plain navy jogging bottoms for £7.00 and crew neck sweatshirt with school logo for £8.50. These can be ordered and delivered to your home address for a small fee if required.

I fully understand that this is an awful amount of information for you to take in and retain. I will ensure that this letter is sent to you again before the children return in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school email at office@holyroary.bhcet.org.uk, message MyEd, or telephone the school office. A member of staff will contact you as soon as they can.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support. We are very excited to welcome back all of our children in September, but in the meantime, have a restful summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B A Tester
Head Teacher

