



HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming the Primary phase students back to school from **Wednesday 2nd September** (Nursery and Reception children have individual visit times and start days already shared with parents/carers).

The DfE guidance for schools returning in September 2020 was published on August 7th and is available [here](#) and further guidance for parents [here](#).

When Holy Trinity reopens, we will be providing a full curriculum with no reduction in teaching time. We have carried out detailed risk assessments and have put in place all measures expected of us to keep the Holy Trinity community safe. To put these measures in place we have had to make changes in order to fully open the school for all children. We have briefly outlined these changes below and hope this helps to prepare you and your children to come back in September. Please note that the government have stated that there is an expectation that all children will return to school in September.

Each class will act as a 'bubble' and will remain separate from others as much as possible. They will have one classroom, allocated times for arriving and going home, separated lunch and break times and consistent staffing.

The start and end times to the school day have been staggered to reduce congestion on the playground. It is important that while social distancing remains parents respect the measures and do not stand with people outside of your household on the school grounds, and we ask that parents do not linger after dropping their children off.

Parents will need to drop their children at their designated point on the playground (see table below). Parents must not enter cloakrooms, classrooms or school. The class teacher will meet their class and take them into school at which point parents must leave promptly.

It is important that parents drop off and collect their children on time (not early or late!) and that children know who will be collecting them. If they do arrive late students will need to wait at a designated point on the path on the way to main reception until a member of staff can admit them safely into school.

If you have any concerns or wish to speak with a member of staff you will need to phone the school office (01226 704550), email (info@holytrinitybarnsley.org), or contact us via the text service (01226 610168) you can also send a message via class dojo. All communication with school will need to be via the school office/class dojo at this time.

| Year group | Timings | Entrance/Exit point |
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| Nursery | 8:45 – 11:45 am group 12:30 - 3:30 pm group 8:45 – 3:30 all day group | Nursery entrance |
| Reception | 9:15 - 3:15 | Reception via the primary reception |
| Year 1 | 9:00 - 3:00 | Year 1 via the primary reception |
| Year 2 | 8:45 – 2:45 | Year 2 via the primary hall (next to the main entrance) |
| Year 3 | 9:00 – 3:00 | Year 3 via Nursery entrance |
| Year 4 | 9:15 – 3:15 | Year 4 via Nursery entrance |
| Year 5 | 9:00 – 3:00 | Year 5 via the primary hall (next to the main entrance) |
| Year 6 | 8:45 – 2:45 | Year 6 via the primary reception |

All children will need to return in full school uniform from September. Please check the school website for information on uniform. On PE days (which will be confirmed in September) children should come to school in their school PE kit (PE t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit.) Where possible, PE lessons will take place outdoors, so please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.

We will help settle the children back into school and get used to their new class and the changes we have made. Our first priority will be personal, social and health education, including emotional/mental health and well-being. Reconnecting with teachers, friends and new routines will be of paramount importance. Alongside this we will begin to look at where the children are in their learning to allow us to tailor the curriculum to meet their needs- the focus initially will be on reading, writing and maths, but we will be delivering the full curriculum under the topics usually covered.

For classes where it is appropriate, furniture will be rearranged to ensure children are not facing each other where possible. The younger children will not have access to some of the resources they are used to having for example some soft toys, soft furnishings and intricate toys have been removed.

Children will have their own set of equipment, provided by school, which will remain in school. This will not be shared. Children should not bring pencil cases into school.

Homework will continue and home reading books will sent home and changed regularly.

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or choose a meal provided by the school kitchen. Please note all dinner money must be paid online (no money be will accepted in school). Please see the school website for more information on how to do this. If you have any queries regarding this, please email jcawston@hollytrinitybarnsley.org. Lunches remain free for those in FS2, Year 1 and 2 under Universal Infant Free Schools Meals (UIFSM). **All children need to bring a water bottle into school daily as cups and jugs will not be used.** Each bubble has a separate time for lunch, a separate play area and a familiar member of staff. There will be no tuck shop, snacks will be provided by school.

Children can bring into school the necessary items they need i.e. school bag, lunch box, homework/reading books, water bottle etc. However, please do not send your child to school with any toys or unnecessary items.

We have worked extremely hard to keep our school clean and to make sure our school is secure, warm and welcoming to all our children and staff despite the Coronavirus measures. Staff will promote regular hand washing with running water and soap or the use of sanitiser and ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach. We will continue to clean more frequently on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, play equipment and toys.

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the symptoms of Coronavirus. The guidance states that schools must ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.

We know there is a lot of information for you to digest and felt it only right to provide as much detail as possible to help you plan as a family for your children's return to school. We understand many of you will be anxious and we are here to work together to help support you and the children to be confident that school is as safe as it possibly can be during these difficult times for you, your children and the staff. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally I want to thank you all again for your continued support. I hope you all had a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing your child in September.



Mrs Falconer
Head of Primary Phase



Mrs Oldcorn
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