



St Edward's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all well and staying safe? As we move towards a full reopening of school on 8th March there is some important information to share with you. I know the last few months have been incredibly challenging for all of us but you have been doing a tremendous job juggling home schooling with your own work and home life. I'm sure some of you will have some concerns over the return to school but, as always, we will work together to make the transition as smooth as possible for all the children. I hope this letter addresses many of those queries however, if you have any specific concerns or issues regarding your child's return to school please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please read this letter carefully. It is really important that we all comply with the same safeguards to ensure we are as COVID secure as possible.

Attendance

The Government have stated that they expect **ALL** pupils to return to school on Monday 8th March; attendance will be mandatory. This is in order to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, well-being and wider development.

Illness absence must be reported promptly, prior to 9am, on the first day of absence. If you are worried that your child or someone in the house is showing signs of COVID-19, more information can be found [here](#).

Specific information about March re-opening:

Year Group:	DROP OFF	ENTRANCE	PICK UP	WHERE TO COLLECT
Reception	8.45-8.55am	Reception Gate	3.05pm	Reception Gate
Year 1	8.45-8.55am	Reception Gate	3.10pm	Reception Gate
Year 2	8.45-8.55am	Side gate by school office entrance.	3.10pm	Side gate by school office entrance.
Year 3	8.45- 8.55am	Top Ramp by Shrine	3.15pm	Top Ramp by Shrine
Year 4	8.45-8.55am	Double Gates by Kitchen	3.15pm	Double Gates by Kitchen
Year 5	8.55-9.05am	Top Ramp by Shrine	3.25pm	Top Ramp by Shrine
Year 6	8.55-9.05am	Double Gates by Kitchen	3.25pm	Double Gates by Kitchen

Please adhere to drop off and collection times in order to avoid overcrowding in car parks and on the paths and gates around school. **Please observe social distancing at all times and only one adult should drop off or collect your child.** Please leave the site as soon as possible. All adults must wear masks, unless medically exempt, when on school premises. **If you arrive late, please remain off site and ring the school office for further instructions.**

Children will stay in their year group 'Bubbles' for the day. We will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes. Year 1 and Reception will operate as one Bubble as, in order to access the Year One classroom, they must walk through Reception areas. The same adults, wherever possible, will remain with their classes.



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Uniform

Children will be required to wear uniform. However, **IF** children may have grown out of their school shoes they may wear sensible footwear including trainers, (no boots, heels or fashion footwear). This is only a short term measure until Easter when shops are open once more. Children may return in winter or summer uniform. Please do remember though that children need to be warm in classes as windows will be open for ventilation. Please see information on our website about uniform. Click [here](#)

PE

On the days they have P.E., children will come dressed in their PE kits - a white polo shirt, navy joggers and trainers. They may wear their school jumper or cardigan, or alternatively a plain navy hoodie. Your class teacher will inform you of the days when they will be doing PE. All clothes should be washed regularly.

Lunches

School lunch will be available free for all pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and for children eligible for Free School Meals. Children in KS2 may purchase a school lunch at a cost of £2.20 per day, payable on School Money. Children may bring in their own lunch box which should be thoroughly wiped and sanitised each day.

Wrap Around Care

After careful consideration we will not be offering our usual Breakfast Club provision straight away. Once routines are established again and children are settled in their classes we will look to reopen this provision. A short survey will be sent next week to establish your requirements.

After school sports clubs and The One and All After School Club will not be reopening yet. We hope to be able to offer sport club provision after Easter. We are also looking at providing a holiday club for the second week of the Easter holidays run by South Derbyshire School's Sports Partnership. More details to follow.

Equipment

We will provide every child with their own in-school resource pack (pencils etc). Please do not send in any stationery. Children should bring in their named water bottle daily and take it home each afternoon.

Reading

Class teachers will inform you about how reading books will be allocated and the systems each class will have in place. As a school we will be focussing on reading during the first few weeks back and ensuring each child is matched to the correct reading material according to their reading age. It would really benefit your child if you could set some time aside each day to read with them.

Hygiene

We will ensure regular handwashing and surface cleaning occurs throughout the day. Hand gel will also be available. If your child has any allergies to soap or gel products please inform us, as we will be enforcing strict routines on regular handwashing. If your child has specific allergies to the products used in school, they may bring in their own antibacterial soap/gel, which must be clearly labelled with their name.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. These decisions are never easy to make, but they are necessary to keep us all as safe as possible. We will, of course, keep you updated with any changes and our risk assessments will be under constant review.

Kind regards

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How you can help us to keep everyone as safe as possible.



No school if there are ANY COVID symptoms in your home.



Adults to wear a mask on school site.



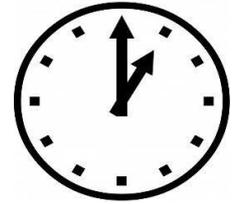
Wash clothes regularly



No bags, PE kits or stationery



Always keep a safe distance from others when coming to and from school and when queueing outside school



Please be on time. This will reduce risk by keeping your child from mixing with other groups.



Walk to school whenever possible



Obey the special signs and markings around school



Always wash hands when arriving back at home

The safety of our children, parents and staff is paramount. Therefore, please follow the procedures we have implemented and always follow the latest government guidelines.