



## ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you have all had a peaceful and safe summer during this difficult time and I am very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday. It is going to be very different to the normal September return to school for children but we are working hard to ensure that they feel as safe and comfortable as possible.

As Headteacher, the utmost priority for me continues to be to keep our whole school community as safe as possible in line with government guidance, therefore I would like to remind you to reread the letter that I sent out on 20<sup>th</sup> July with all the return to school information, which can also be found on our website.

Amongst other things, the letter sets out the arrangements for staggered drop off/pick up times. I completely understand that it is not ideal for siblings to have different times but the circumstances in which we find ourselves are exceptional and we must do all that we can to stay safe – even if that means making sacrifices.

I would also like to stress how important it is to respect social distancing at the school gates or in the playground. Wherever possible **one** adult per family should be on the school grounds and you must leave the site immediately after drop off/pick up. Teachers cannot engage in conversations so if you have an urgent message please email or phone the office (only enter if it is an emergency). If you need to speak to a teacher, they will phone you back – there will be no face to face meetings at present. Staff would also very grateful if possible, for those of you who are dropping your children at the classroom door, if you could wear a mask when close to the door. Children however must **not** wear masks in school.

At present we cannot accommodate scooters or bikes on the school premises and if you have any musical instruments or reading books please return them as soon as possible so that we can leave them for the recommended time before cleaning and re-using.

All other important information is in the July newsletter so please read it. Our practice will be reviewed regularly and I will keep you updated of any changes. Enjoy the weekend and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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