



July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

New Year 7 Start Date Information

I am writing to you at this time to discuss our plans for September. This year has been nothing short of tumultuous. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and all our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

We have recently received guidance for the full opening of schools from the Department for Education. The guidance discusses “...the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from Corona Virus(Covid-19).”

From Thursday 3rd September 2020, we will be reopening to all pupils in line with government guidance. Your daughter should arrive for 8.25am promptly to the main school yard at the back of the building on her first day. Staff will be there to welcome her and direct her to the right area.

After that her school day will be 8.25am to 2.30pm.

Protective measures will be in place to best protect our staff and pupils whilst on the school site, including a requirement that people who are ill stay at home, robust hand and respiratory hygiene, enhanced cleaning arrangements and an active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.

We take the health and safety of our staff, pupils, parents and Carers very seriously, so I am writing to inform you that the school has made this decision in the best interests of all members of the school community.

Precautions we will be taking will include:

- Grouping children together
- Avoiding contact between groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks
- Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- An expectation of increased hand washing/sanitising
- Staggered start and finish times, breaks and lunches
- Assigning different entrance/exits to groups.

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rate of community transmission of coronavirus. This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school in September. If you think this will affect your daughter, please liaise with your PPC to ensure school can provide appropriate support.

Prevention

If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or

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change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they will be sent home and advised to follow '*stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection*', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least seven days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus. Other member of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for fourteen days from when the symptomatic person first had their symptoms. **Parents should inform school immediately of the results of a coronavirus test.**

Measures for arriving at and leaving school

Pupils should walk or cycle to school where possible. If a child is using public transport to get to school they should wear a face covering.

Parents dropping a child off should not congregate at the school gates and instead should 'drop and go'. Meetings with parents on the school site will be **by appointment only** however there will be a 'transition helpdesk' where staff are available at the school gates during your daughter's first week at school.

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind.

School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term per government guidance.

Arrangements for pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM)

The school will continue to provide meals to pupils eligible for FSM when we reopen. Our catering team will provide lunch for these pupils from Monday to Friday every week. E-vouchers and postal vouchers will no longer be provided.

Cashless Catering

This September we will be a cashless school and as a result you will need to use our ParentPay system to pay for all school meals, trips and payments.

You will be issued with your login details for ParentPay on Uniform Distribution Day. After that the point of contact for registering with ParentPay is McCowenH@stjohnbosco.org.uk

Standards and Behaviour

Our usual standards and behaviour expectations will apply and will be introduced to your daughter by her form tutor and through her student planner. No child in any year group will be permitted outside of their year group 'zone' during this pandemic so there will be an escalation in sanctions if that were to happen; although we understand Year 7 will be getting to know the building initially.

Curriculum

A broad and balanced curriculum will be delivered to all year groups. However, the school building will be divided into zoned areas to allow separation of year groups and, as such, there will be some rooming limitations within this.

Parents can expect to see a development in the use of technologies over the term.

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Safeguarding

We have revised and updated our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to ensure we can correctly support pupils who are attending school.

You or your child can report a safeguarding concern to the school's designated safeguarding lead, Mr E Cassidy, Deputy Headteacher, in confidence by contacting them on 0151 330 5142.

During this period, you should be aware of the mental health support available to your child. We have collated the following examples of where additional support can be found:

- Local mental health charities
- PHE's Every Mind Matters platform
- MindEd
- Rise Above
- Childline

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety of our pupils and staff. If you need to contact the school for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely

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