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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Luke 10:27

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Questions that have arisen from the Survey

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the survey about the return to school I have received a number of questions and whilst it is not possible to respond to each one individually I have gathered most of the questions together below and written responses.

Does my child have to attend if they are in reception, year 1 or year 6? Will we be fined? Will their non-attendance be on their record?

No your child does not have to attend school at this moment. Attendance laws have been relaxed during the pandemic. There will be no fines or notes on any records.

I am a key worker and my child is in F2, Yr1 or Yr6, which bubble/class would they be in?

This will depend on the number of children we have attending. Our preference at the moment would be to have the child based in their year group as this would allow more closely targeted teaching for the age and needs of the child.

Will my child's teacher be the same?

This may not be possible. The requirement of smaller class sizes (15 children) means that each year group will need an additional two teachers. Where possible we will try to ensure that there is an adult known to the children in each class.

Will my child be able to attend later if I initially decide not to send them in?

As much as possible we would try and make this work. However, it would be dependent on the size of the bubbles/classes already in school, the number of staff available and the number of school rooms available.

Is it expected that year 6 pupils are to be brought to and collected from school so as to ensure strict compliance with the rules or is it acceptable for year 6 pupils to walk/cycle to school without a parent?

Children in Year 6 can bring themselves to and from school as long as they follow the guidelines and arrive at the appropriate time. We would normally encourage this at this time of year to help their transition to high school.

Will children be expected to wear school uniform upon their return?

Yes, they will be expected to wear school uniform and nothing will make me happier than seeing them wear the St. Bridget's uniform with pride. However, there will be great flexibility with this as I realise that children grow and

getting to clothes and shoe shops over the past few weeks has not been possible. In short, do not let a lack of school uniform stop you sending your child in.

I have one child who will be attending but another child not attending as they are not in F2, Yr1 or Yr6. Is it alright for that child to accompany me on the school drop off and pick up?

Yes, as long as social distancing guidance is followed.

Finally, can I thank you for the really kind words some of you have shared through the survey or when socially distanced at school, it means a great deal at this especially challenging time. I cannot wait for the day our school is filled again with happy children, enjoying learning and the company of their classmates.

Yours sincerely,

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