



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Dipton

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*We follow in Christ's footsteps*

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

First things first! From all at St Patrick's....



I hope everyone managed to have a lovely Christmas break. I am sure it was different for many families this year as lots of you coped with positive Covid cases and perhaps last-minute changes to Christmas dinner arrangements! I hope all those who were affected, or who are still self-isolating, make a speedy recovery.

We appreciate the situation remains uncertain and advice seems to change almost daily. We hope that you continue to work positively with us and continue to regularly test children using LFTs. This will help protect our whole school community.

## **Moving forward this half term**

We cannot avoid current indicators which suggest that Covid will continue to have an impact on schools for a considerable time to come. We will all have to be ready to be flexible in how we deal with this.

That said, we need to function, as safely as possible, as a whole school community. With this in mind, we have decided to make some carefully calculated changes and will monitor this in the coming days and weeks.

These will take effect from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Contacting school**

Please continue to contact school via phone call or school email at [stpd@stpd.bwcet.com](mailto:stpd@stpd.bwcet.com). We ask that you do not email individual staff directly. All emails should be channelled through the school office only and they will be forwarded to appropriate staff within dedicated hours. Replies will be made via the school office email. Thank you, as always, for your support and co-operation.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess  
Headteacher

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Area	Details moving forward
Pupil drop-off	<p>We will revert to flexible drop-off times 8.45am – 8.55am for all classes.  School will open for pupils at 8.45am  All children must be in school at 8.55am, at the latest, as this is when the daily morning register is taken.  Pupils should not arrive in the yard before 8.45am. Children (including pre-school siblings) should not play on any equipment before the school day and should stay beside an accompanying adult where appropriate.  Pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 will enter school through the main school reception area.  Pupils in the Reception year group will enter via the side door near the main entrance (as is current practice). Reception staff will be on hand to direct pupils.</p> <p><i>Breakfast club will continue to operate for pupils from 8am. Please book in advance. Those pupils involved in phonics intervention should arrive in school at 8.40am (on their timetabled days) ready for the start of their session at 8.45am.</i></p>
Pupil collection	<p>Reception 3.05 from Reception yard  KS1 – 3.10 from main yard  KS2 – 3.15 from main yard</p> <p>Children (including pre-school siblings) should not play on any equipment after the school day and should stay beside an accompanying adult where appropriate.</p>
Breaktimes	<p>Morning break times will be split into 3 groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception will have their own flexible break time</li> <li>• Y1, Y2 and Y3</li> <li>• Y4, Y5 and Y6</li> </ul>
Lunchtimes	<p>We will move back to:  11.45 – 12.45 for Reception, Y1 and Y2  12 – 1pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6.  Children will now all eat in the dining room within a rota system.</p>
After school clubs	<p>These have been organised into year groups over the coming term and will commence week beginning 10/1/22.</p>
Assemblies/ collective worship	<p>As these would potentially be whole school gatherings involving pupils and staff in one indoor space, we have decided to keep these as 'virtual gatherings' for the time being.</p>

*As seems customary these days, it is necessary to add that all arrangements within school are subject to change, often with short notice, in response to Covid transmission rates and number of cases within school.*

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