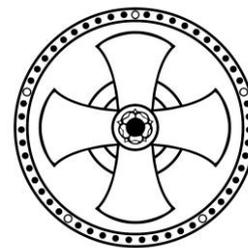




OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE GREEN
ROTTINGDEAN
BRIGHTON BN2 7HA
www.ourladyoflourdesprimaryschool.co.uk



July 17th 2020

Re: Current Thinking on Preparations for September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're well. Throughout the past few months I've attempted to communicate with you as often as possible to ensure that you also have time to plan. I am really mindful of the fact that the arrangements at Our Lady's do have far reaching implications for your families and work.

As we finish for the summer, there will be lots of questions that you may have over September, the answers to which may be subject to further change and guidance over the summer.

What I can do, however, is give you an outline of what our plans are likely to be; especially where those plans may impact on your wider working life and childcare arrangements.

We're going to create 4 'Bubbles' of children and all children will be in school for the full 5 days, except those starting in Reception where other induction arrangements will be in place.

1. Reception
2. Year 1 and 2
3. Year 3 and 4
4. Year 5 and 6

At the moment, our proposal is that the children will arrive at school, and leave school in a staggered way:

Year 5 and 6 – 8.30

Year 3 and 4 – 8.45

Year 1 and 2 – 9.00

If there are siblings, our thinking is that these children will come in at the time of the oldest child. Their days will then be staggered giving us end points that might look like this:

Year 5 and 6 – 3.00

Year 3 and 4 – 3.15

Year 1 and 2 – 3.30

Again, siblings will leave at the time of the oldest child.

The working day of the school would be staggered too and we'd put into place extra breaks to allow for the cleaning that we will be wanting to complete. All classrooms will have the hand sanitisers and detergents for cleaning. Lunches will be arranged so that the bubbles of children eat together and are supervised by their own MDSA and Support Staff. The playground will be used by one bubble at a time. Teaching staff will remain within their own bubble.

We will also ensure that regular handwashing and social distancing guidance is adhered to.

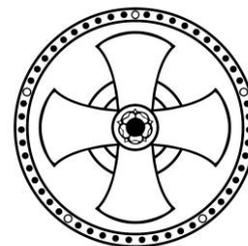
The procedures for arrival and departure will be the same – it's likely that we'll open the gates on the pedestrian path to give you all more space and will ask that you do not linger on the school grounds – especially as this will mean that space outside becomes too crowded. We'll of course be reviewing any plans as part of our ongoing monitoring of procedures. Please refrain from using The Mews for access.

Tel (01273) 306980 Fax (01273) 308809 Email admin@lourdes.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mr Paul Barber



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



THE GREEN
ROTTINGDEAN
BRIGHTON BN2 7HA

www.ourladyoflourdesprimaryschool.co.uk

As you can imagine, teachers are keen to press on with the curriculum and have the children back in their classes. Rooms have been arranged so that children face forward and teachers will be maintaining social distancing. Our first fortnight will be focusing on re-establishing our routines and ensuring the children feel safe and happy being back. In week 3 and 4, we will be undertaking some benchmarking assessment activities so that we can make sure that we're supporting the children with any areas where they may need support and also providing adequate challenge to those that need it.

At the close of school today, I'm asking staff to have a break from their normal duties and concentrate on getting some well-earned rest. This will mean that they won't be accessing their emails as often as in term time and won't necessarily be in school. Details of wellbeing services and external agencies are on our website where further support can be sought during school closures. Thank you for your consideration and support with this.

As I've stated previously, I'll be in touch again w/b 17th August to confirm plans, but just wanted you to be aware of what our current thinking is. I've also attached a letter from the Local Authority for your attention.

Kind regards and best wishes for a good summer,

Paul Barber
Headteacher