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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you and your family are all keeping well.

I want to reassure you that the staff of Our Lady's is working very hard to ensure that your daughters are well catered for between now and the end of June and that we are preparing our school building with new practice and procedures for the next academic year.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The return to school in September will be very different. There will be a blended approach to learning, with some groups learning in school, while others do so at home. It will be difficult for us all to work with initially, but with a strong staff team in Our Lady's, I have no doubt that we will make it work. The reality is that children will most likely be in school one to two days per week in a group situation and will stay at home for the remainder of the week. Children will be allocated into a group, taking sisters into account, and where possible we will liaise with Sacred Heart Boys where families are concerned, to see if family members can attend school on the same days.

Life will be very different for our pupils. The school building and the school yard will be marked out to comply with social distancing measures. There will be one way systems in place. Children will have their temperatures taken on arrival every morning and start and finishing times will be staggered. There are many aspects of school life that have to be fine-tuned, therefore we cannot be more specific at this time. However, one thing is certain – our school will still be a happy place to learn and social connections will be so important. We will continue to nurture our pupils. The emotional well-being and welfare of your daughter and of our staff, is paramount.

UNIFORM

We will send more detailed plans to you over the summer but in the meantime we wanted to let you know that we are relaxing rules on school uniform, just for next year. We do not see the merit in families spending a lot of money on full school uniform and a pair of black shoes that cannot be worn every day. So from September we are happy to allow the following:

- Black/navy leggings or joggers
- White polo shirts (can be bought in Tesco or Asda)
- A plain, dark-coloured sweatshirt or a school jumper
- The school summer dress
- Trainers (these must be with easy fastenings, unless your daughter is in KS2 and can tie her own laces well) or black shoes
- If you have school uniform that still fits, please do use this also

We hope this letter goes some way to helping you begin to understand our plans. They are very much still plans-in-the-making. We will be in touch with you as soon as we have any updates. If you haven't already received a phone call from your child's class teacher or other member of staff, you soon will. We want to reach out and stay in touch with our families. It is the importance of these social connections that keep us stronger together. Remember you can always contact us through our info@ account or through PM on Facebook. In the meantime, I hope you all keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Hughes

A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF OF OUR LADY'S TO ALL OF OUR PUPILS:



We are missing every one of YOU, our lovely pupils, and we want you to know that all of the staff at school hope you are well and we want to see you back with us soon.

Be good and stay safe! xx