



# Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

The staff have enjoyed seeing more pupils in school and are looking forward to welcoming another group this week. It is hoped that we will be able to make provision for all our pupils at some point but this will not be possible until the health guidelines change. As there are strict measures in place in school we need to monitor closely who will be returning and, unfortunately, we cannot accept children in to school without prior notice. Thank you.

There is a one way system at the start and end of the days and we request that only one adult accompanies the children to and from school. Details of drop off and collection times are below and we ask that you arrive PROMPTLY TO AVOID CONGESTION. Please note, school will close to ALL PUPILS AT **1.30pm ON FRIDAYS**.

Year group	Arrival	Departure
Nursery am	9.30	11.45
Nursery pm	12.30	2.45
Reception	9.15	2.45
Year 1	9.00	3.00
Year 6	8.45	3.15
Children of Key Workers	8.30	3.30

The children should wear their uniform but will require clean clothes every day, so our uniform policy will be relaxed. Children will be provided with a packed lunch and should only bring a washable water bottle into school. Lunches remain free for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and those entitled to free school meals, otherwise they can be paid for on the school app at a cost of £2.20 per day. Coats should be worn only when necessary; these measures are to reduce the risk of contamination between school and home and vice versa, and we appreciate your continued understanding and support with these safety measures.

To prepare the children for their return I have uploaded a short story to help them understand some of the changes in school. It can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dIPIiRKIA6Y&feature=youtu.be>

We will continue to upload work onto the website for children working at home and please do keep sending us photographs and messages as the staff find these very uplifting. I have no doubt that supporting your children at home with their school work can be very challenging and I thank you all for everything you are doing. Regular reading, writing and maths work with the children will be invaluable in helping them to maintain academic progress, as will exploring nature, being creative, completing science experiments, solving problems and jumping in puddles! With the pressures every family is experiencing don't forget that having fun is vital at the moment so please do not let school work become a burden for you or our wonderful children. There is no expectation that everyone will complete every piece of work set for them online but well done to you all for





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persevering with what is manageable for you.

There are lots of resources which we have previously directed you to that support emotional health and the government has produced links to lots of good advice here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing> We have also uploaded meditation resources alongside the files of work on the school cloud. We will be meditating in school every afternoon and we hope that you can join us too- the children really value this opportunity. We will also be "attending" online Mass every Friday at 10am. It is live streamed on the St John XXIII facebook page; please join us if you can.

Don't forget to email us in school at [admin@olqoprprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@olqoprprimary.org.uk) if we can be of any help. Our confidential email is [familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@olqoprprimary.org.uk)

Wishing you kind regards,

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