



ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Statement of Intent for return to School - March 8th 2021



Dear Families,

We know that when the children come back to school they will have had a wide range of experiences during this second schools' National Lock-down Period. We acknowledge that our children need a child-centred holistic approach rooted in faith, which focuses on mental health and well-being. This approach will support re-connecting our children to other adults, children, learning and the curriculum. We will start with our mission statement and love being at the core of all we do, giving children reassurance and a focus on reconnecting and re-building relationships here at school but also beyond. We will provide a nurturing environment, supported by our focus on values and education with our Gospel Value of the Term 'Service', and Monthly character values, currently 'Trust.'

Well-Being

To support well-being on our school website you are able to select Parent Information and then a Mental Health and Well-Being Tab. Here you will be able to find our whole school policy and approach including a range of useful resources and support tools for your family. A key feature continues to be our '5 Ways to Well-being' approach, inspired by the NHS initiative and New Economics Foundation, which focuses on;

- *Connecting
- *Being Active
- *Taking Notice
- *Keeping Learning
- *Giving

Risk Assessments

We will be following the very latest health and safety guidance and our dynamic risk assessment to provide a space that is playful, accepting, stimulates curiosity and empathy to ensure our school family returns to a new way of life and learning that will ensure they thrive and shine. You can access our risk assessment on the home page of the website. An updated version will be uploaded from March 8th 2021.

Remote Learning and Lateral Flow Testing

As you are aware, staff in school complete twice weekly COVID Lateral Flow Tests. In the event of a positive result we will close bubbles and ensure learning moves back to our online provision using Microsoft Teams. Please follow this link for our detailed Remote Learning Plans and Support Materials.

<https://www.st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk/COVIDResponseAndCatchUpFunding.asp>



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Arrival Times

Arrival times will be staggered from 8:40am and then every 5 minutes dropped by car or pedestrian travel (maintaining social distancing) through a one-way system through to a sanitisation station and then into school.

- 8:40am: EYFS plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:45am: Year 1 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:50am: Year 2 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 8:55am: Year 3/4 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 9:00am: Year 5/6 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.

Children will line up on their spots on playground and wait to be collected, staff member on playground duty will facilitate keep fit activities. If it is too wet the children will enter their bubbles directly as they arrive. We must ask that adults drop their children and leave immediately there is simply not enough space to stay and watch children at the gate at this time.

Departure Times

Departure times will be staggered from 2:50 and then every 10 minutes. Only arrive at your child's specified time this will enable our one-way system to work effectively.

- 2:50pm: EYFS/Year 1 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 3:00pm: Year 2/3 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 3:10pm: Year 4/5 plus any associated siblings in any other year groups.
- 3:15pm: Year 6

At drop off and collection times the office will be closed as parents are not allowed on site, if you need to hand something in please place in an envelope and send in with your child. For anything else you must call the office on 01775 722889 or email enquiries@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk.

Morning Break

- Breaktime will be staggered as below;
- 10-10:15am EYFS-Playground/Year 1 Field
- 10:15-10:30am-Y2 Playground/Y3 Field
- 10:30-10.45am-Year 4 Playground/Year 5 Field
- 10:45-11:00am-Year 6 Playground

Lunch

EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 will have staggered lunch sittings in our school hall. Year 3-6 will continue to have lunch in classrooms. Hot Meals will resume and be ordered through our provider The Farm Kitchen.

Equipment

We ask that children only bring one bag to school with bottle of water, packed lunch (if not having a hot meal), reading book, coat, and hat if required.

Uniform/PE Days

Children will be in full school uniform. In the coming days Teachers will share on MS Teams which days the pupils need to be in PE kits.

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Reading Books

Every Monday the children will be issued depending on Reading Stage and age, two books and these should be returned the following Monday when they will be sanitised and new books issued.

PPE

If your child travels to school using public transport and is wearing PPE/Face Mask on arrival to school this will be safely disposed of at the sanitisation station at the school gate. Other than this, your child does not require PPE at school so please do not send it. Staff will be wearing PPE.

Clubs

Clubs will be kept to an absolute minimum to start with and only for cohort bubbles, we will write to you soon about what is available, as soon as guidance allows we will return to further variety.

Homework

We will use Teams to upload the weekly homework on a Friday, the following week each teacher will post a short video to go through the home learning, answers and strategies, which we think will be really useful. This also avoids additional paper travelling between home and school. You can log onto Microsoft Teams via your web browser. To access you will need their email and password. This information is being emailed separately.

Please ensure if your child has collected any exercise books to work in over the lock-down period, that these are brought back into school with them on Monday 8th March.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via jenna.withers@st-norberts.lincs.sch.uk

Thank you once again for your overwhelming support and kindness over this last year-you have been incredible. This is a another new normal but we are very much excited to be able to welcome back all of our amazing children.

You remain as ever in my thoughts and prayers,

Mrs J. Withers
Headteacher