



THE GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
The Catholic Diocese of Northampton
"Following Jesus, The Good Shepherd, in all we say and do"

Friday, 19 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we have been back for two weeks already! We are continually grateful to all of you who have supported us over these last two weeks to get children settled quickly. We know that these continue to be very challenging times for lots of families.

We would ask that if your child or anyone from your household develops symptoms that you follow NHS guidance (below), we would also ask that you make arrangements to have a test as soon as possible. The longer it takes for test results to come back, the longer we put our school community at risk. We do understand that it can be difficult at times to access a 'walk in' appointment.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are grateful to all of you who continue to wear masks when dropping off and collecting and we do realise that even with people wearing masks and staggered drop offs and collections, it can still seem overwhelming. As we continue to say, we will review our procedures daily and with this in mind, we would like to 'Pilot' and idea next week.

We understand that a number of parents have found the current starts and finishes a little confusing. If children start at 9am, we expect them to be at their desks ready to learn at that time.

We are therefore requesting that From Monday we would request parents and children drift into school between 8.40am and 9am. **We expect all children to be at their tables in classrooms by 9am and 'ready to learn.'** Gates will open at 3pm and we will allow you to collect your child from their class between 3pm and 3.15pm.

We do ask that everyone continues to follow the one-way system and wear a mask. We would ask that only one parent drops off and collects their child and we would ask parents to refrain from hanging around outside classrooms or school which brings me to the car situation outside school.

I understand there is not enough parking outside the school please try to park at the local car parks nearby and avoid Grace John court and the yellow lines outside school. Parking on the roundabout has also caused significant obstruction and we are in touch with the local police and the county council to establish ways to avoid this.

As always, we ask for your support with these measures.

Yours sincerely,

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