



## ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM ST. MARGARET MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Letter to parents Friday June 26th 2020**

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is well and staying safe at home. Return to School. Please see below the revised dates for a full return to school in September.

## Academic year 2020-2021

Autumn term 2020	Spring term 2021	Summer term 2021
Wednesday September	Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday April 19th
3 <sup>rd</sup>	to	to
to	Friday February 11th.	Friday May 28th
Friday October 23rd		
Half Term	Half Term	Half Term
Wednesday November	Monday February 22nd	Monday June 7th
4th	to	to
to	Holy Thursday April	Friday July 17th
Friday December 18th	1st	
Christmas Break	Easter Break	Summer Break

Teacher Days 2020-2021
Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

2 days yet to be confirmed













As I wrote last week plans are now beginning to welcome everyone back to school in September. Unless there is a significant change in government policy over the summer then school will "return to normal" in September. The children will return as early as we possibly can (3<sup>rd</sup> September) to try to begin the "catch up programme" as soon as we can.

To help us manage this process Nursery will delay their return until the end of October and Reception will come back to school a couple of weeks after everyone else. *My aim is for Y1 to Y6 to return on Wednesday September 2nd*. School could then look at Reception starting on **September 14**<sup>th</sup> with everyone bar Nursery in school by the end of that week.

<u>July 2020</u> School will finish for Reception, Y1 and Y6 on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>; the following week will be spent putting school back together so that it looks once more like a school. School will then be ready to start on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Key Workers. Our key worker group is now growing as more people are returning to work. Can I please ask that if you feel you may need to use school for key worker provision that you contact the office beforehand. Please note that the provision for key workers will continue until July 17<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Y6 Transition.</u> Thanks to the first cohort of Y6 that came to school on Wednesday. I am indebted to Mrs Logue for organising the process and Ms McCarron and Mr Barton for meeting with the children. I look forward to welcoming others in the next couple of weeks. The idea behind the programme is to simply give the children an opportunity to come back to school in safe bubbles to see their teacher for a final time. Thanks to all concerned.

<u>St Margaret Marys Church.</u> A week ago churches opened for private prayer, recent announcements have now indicated that on the 4<sup>th</sup> July Mass can be said once more in churches across the country. Father Simon is busy preparing the church and as soon as I know how it's all going to work I will write and let you know.

<u>School Website.</u> Each week our website is updated. It is updated with work for the children to complete at home, weekly newsletters and any notices that need to be sent out. The weekly letter is emailed every Friday and group texts are sent out telling people to look out for any letters. If for any reason, families miss seeing the letter/notices they are all uploaded on to the website each week. Similarly, our Twitter feed is updated every day with a wide range of activities for all ages so please keep abreast of the updates. The twitter feed can be accessed via the home page on the website. Please do use both as often as you can.

<u>Please Pray for:</u> The Husain family at this sad time for all of them.

Many thanks for your understanding and patience with these matters.

Take care and stay safe.

M Aldred Head teacher











