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### Letter to parents Friday July 10th 2020

Dear Parents,

**September 2020.** I wrote to everyone on Wednesday with an outline of how school will welcome children back in September. The key change to arriving and departing school is that from September Y5 and Y6 will come into school via the main front door. They will also leave school the same way exiting down the school drive. We have been able to keep the timings of the school day the same other than Reception and Nursery finishing time, which will be at 2:50pm. School has been issued with a significant amount of guidance about how best to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can, it will be this that will be at the centre of what we will be doing in September and beyond. School will need your support and patience throughout this process as we try to return school to something resembling normality.

I must also mention that the government has stated that attendance at school from September onwards is no longer voluntary, it is mandatory. For those that may be still anxious or concerned can I assure you that school wants to work with you through any difficulties you may have. If anyone wants to talk about any aspect of our planned "reopening" then please don't hesitate to call school.

Thank you to those families that came along to the relevant year group sessions this week. It really was lovely to see some more children back in school. In the table below, I have listed which teacher will teach which class next year.

<b>Current Class</b>	<b>Class for 2020 - 2021</b>
<i>Reception/ Ms Rathbone</i>	<i>Y1J with Mrs Jones</i>
<i>Reception/ Ms Monaghan</i>	<i>Y1P with Ms Parkes</i>
<i>Y1/Mrs Jones</i>	<i>Y2M with Ms Mochan</i>
<i>Y1/ Ms Parkes</i>	<i>Y2H with Mrs Heslegrave</i>
<i>Y2/ Mrs Heslegrave</i>	<i>Y3A with Mrs Attwood</i>
<i>Y2/ Ms Mochan</i>	<i>Y3P with Ms Pritchard</i>
<i>Y3/ Ms Pritchard</i>	<i>Y4C with Mrs Coates</i>



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<i>Y3/ Mrs Coates</i>	<i>Y4B with Mr Barton</i>
<i>Y4/ Mrs Young</i>	<i>Y5Y with Mrs Young</i>
<i>Y4/ Ms McInerney</i>	<i>Y5M with Ms McInerney</i>
<i>Y5/ Mrs Attwood</i>	<i>Y6M with Mr Mulligan</i>
<i>Y5/ Mr Mulligan</i>	<i>Y6Mc with Ms McCarron</i>

I hope that next year we can firstly complete the year but also, that for everybody's sake, school can return to being a happy place where all our children come to live, love and learn together.

**School Meals update.** Firstly, the Free School Meal vouchers for the summer holidays will be with those relevant families from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July onwards. I want to thank Mrs Coney and Mr Connaughton for sorting out what has been a very complex issue. They have completed what hopefully will be their last order in readiness for school meals to return as normal in September. Both have worked extremely hard and have helped many families ensuring they could access the vouchers. Many thanks to both of them. From September, the cost of a school dinner will be £2.40 per day or £12 a week.

**Y6 Leavers Hoodies.** School had its last group of Y6 children for their "induction" on Wednesday. Many thanks to Mr Barton and Ms McCarron for overseeing this. Any Y6 children that have not collected their hoodie they are available from the school office.

**End of Year Reports.** All reports have now been sent/collected. If you haven't received your report by the middle of next week please give school a ring.

**Reception/Y1 and Y6 end of term.** Today sees the end of term for those year groups and families that returned to school in June. It was delightful to hear and see children once more in the red uniform back in class. I look forward to welcoming them all back in September.

**Key Worker families.** Since the end of March, school has been open for key worker families. This has at times been difficult to manage but school has been able to, provide childcare throughout the period for our key workers. This will end on Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>). I am sure I speak for everyone when I say that I hope school never has to set up similar arrangements again. I hope it has helped those that have used it, and to those staff members that have helped Mrs Logue and I organise it a huge thank you.

**First Holy Communion/Confirmation.** As soon as I have a definite plan to share with you I will write to everyone. It is continuing to prove difficult to organise larger gatherings, however as soon as Father and I can present a suitable plan to everyone we will.

**St Margaret Marys Parish.** A reminder Mass is now being celebrated in church once more. Please see the website for all the details about how this is being organised.

**School website/Twitter.** The latest round of work has been uploaded and our Twitter feed is full of ideas/activities to use. Please also keep abreast of the website homepage for any updates.

**Please pray for:** Our Y6 leavers who have sadly missed out on what is always a special time in school. We wish them every success in their new schools.

Many thanks for your understanding and patience with all these matters.

M Aldred. Head teacher



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