

St Charles RC Primary School

COVID-19 Social Distancing Policy 2020



Our mission at St. Charles RC Primary School is to try and centre our life in Jesus Christ, the spiritual foundation of our community.

We aim to pass on the faith we share in partnership with you.

We want the children in our care to grow and develop to their full potential within a caring Catholic community which recognises fully their true worth and God given talents. We look forward to working with you in a spirit of mutual trust and support.

We take pride belonging to St. Charles RC Primary School.

MISSION STATEMENT

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love

Introduction

From 20th March 2020, parents were asked to keep their children at home, wherever possible and for schools to remain open only for those children of workers critical to the COVID-19 response – who absolutely need to attend. From June 1st 2020 some children will return to school.

Key contacts

Role	Name	Contact number	Email
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Developing Plans for Re-opening our School Safely

- It is important to remember that COVID-19 has only been in existence for only a few months and the scientific data is not completely robust and is changing as the scientific community finds out more about the virus.
- However, DfE guidance is based on the following scientific principles:
- The rate of transmission of the virus is very low between children; especially children under the age of 6.
- Children are less likely to pass the virus from one child to another child or a child to an adult.
- Adults are more likely to pass the virus to other adults and this will need to be factored into the planning.
- It is thought to take at least 15 minutes of close contact with an infected person for the virus to pass to another person.
- The virus can last for up to 6 days on surfaces. Additional cleaning is essential to ensure that any places in which the virus can live are significantly reduced.
- When planning for the re-opening of our school, safety planning will be based on the current and changing scientific principles and will be under constant review.

Social distancing

- Children naturally gravitate towards each other and we also need to weigh up the impact of enforcing children to stay away from each other with their mental health and well-being.
- Our plans will be focused on promoting social distancing between children.
- We aim to do this by changing the classroom layouts, making sure that children only have access to a set of personal school equipment that must not be shared with others and staggering play and lunchtimes.
- We will also be working hard to socially distance groups or 'bubbles' of children from other 'bubbles' of children.

Equal Opportunities

St Charles RC Primary School has universal ambitions for every child, whatever their background or circumstances. Children learn and thrive when they are healthy, safe and engaged. In order to engage all children, cultural diversity, home languages, gender and religious beliefs are all celebrated.

Our curriculum includes a wide range of texts and other resources which represent the diversity and backgrounds of all our children. We believe in 'valuing what the child brings to school' and recognise the importance of supporting a child's first language, not only to foster self-esteem, but to assist in the learning of English.