



St Antony's Catholic Primary School



Important Update on Returning To School as of March 8th 2021

In response to the recent government announcement on Monday 22nd February all Primary Schools will be **open to all staff and children as of 8th March 2021**. Full details of the reviewed risk assessment procedures and plans for reopening will be shared with all parents/carers and staff this coming week beginning 1st March 2021 via Class Dojo and the school's website.

Who is expected to return to school? All children and staff who:

- **Do not currently have covid-19 symptoms or the virus**
- **Are not currently exposed to anyone at home with the virus**
- **Are not Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV)**
- **Have not received a shielding letter recently from the NHS or their GP between January and February 2021**

I know that many of you may be a bit anxious about your children's return to school and this is understandable; because COVID-19 is still a reality for all of us, and will continue to be a phenomenon that we will have to live with over time, like the common cold. Let me assure you however, that the SLT, Class Teachers and Support Staff across the school will do everything in their power to ensure that all our children are warmly welcomed back into school and that they will continue to receive the highest quality of education, whilst we continue with prioritising the well-being and safety of all via our rigorous mitigation systems.

I am pleased that our remote/blended learning policy and procedures are continuing to be embedded across the school and continues to feature a balance of live teaching via Zoom and Google Classroom, online learning via Class Dojo, Oak National Academy and other recommended platforms as well as face-to-face teaching in school from Nursery to year 6 for our Key workers Children and the Vulnerable. The remote systems will continue even after we all return to school.

We will continue to sustain strong focus on the provision of support for our most vulnerable children through weekly phone calls home with additional support and advice, keeping all the relevant support systems that we already have in place going for the duration of the school year- until we close for the summer.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school at: info@st-antonys-jun.newham.sch.uk

Parents, with your continued support we will get through the rest of this school year together despite the impact of the pandemic. I therefore want to thank you all for your excellent and sustained support, without which we could not have managed as well as we have done throughout these challenging times.

Kind regards,

Angela Moore

Head Teacher