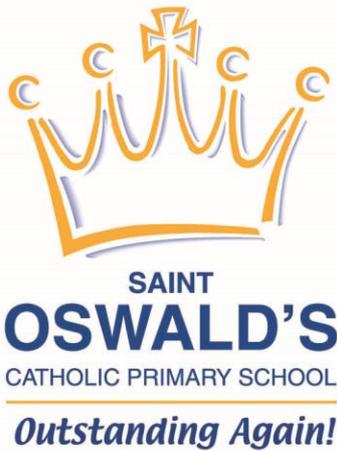


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25 June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Arrangements for September 2020 for current Reception to Year 5 classes

I am writing to you with details of the planned arrangements for the children returning to school in September. Please be aware that as with all plans made in school recently, they are subject to amendment in accordance with new developments, new risks presenting and ever changing Government guidance as we progress through this pandemic. Please be mindful of this as plans could change at short notice.

It would be our normal practice at this stage in the academic year to be engaged in transition opportunities for all our classes, including transition for our Year 6 children to their high schools, but due to the partial closure of schools we are unable to do this before the summer holiday as we would normally.

The vast majority of our children have not attended school since March 2020 and by the time we return to school in September they will have been out of school for over 5 months – for our current Reception children this is almost as long as the time they have spent in school since they joined us in September 2019. Taking this into consideration, I have consulted with the Local Authority and other Warrington Head Teachers and I now propose delaying the entry of our new starters to the Reception class by two weeks with a start date of Monday 21 September to allow two weeks at the start of the new term for our current pupils to settle back in school and to engage in some transition activities. Reception inductions will also take place during this two week period before the new children start full time on 21 September.

Our existing classes will therefore return to school as planned on Monday 7 September and although all children will officially progress to their new year groups in September (eg current Reception will be in Year 1, Year 2 will become Year 3 etc), I propose to bring all children back to their current classroom and existing Class Teacher for the first two weeks of term. This will allow all children, after their long absence, to come back to school feeling secure and confident with what they are coming back to. During the first two weeks of term, their existing class teachers will provide transition opportunities for the children for their new year groups.

On Monday 21 September the children (current Reception to Year 5) will move into their new classrooms and start with their new teachers and our new Reception intake will start full time in school.



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Week beginning Monday 7 September

- Current Reception to Year 5 re-start school in their existing classrooms with their current teachers (ie current Reception children in the Reception class with Miss Morris, current Year 1 children in Year 1 class with Mr Coppenhall etc).

Week beginning Monday 14 September

- Transition work and visits to new classrooms and teachers will take place Monday to Friday 2.00-3.00pm.
- New Reception children visit school for one afternoon in small groups – Monday to Friday 2.00-3.00pm.

Week beginning Monday 21 September

- All classes move into their new classroom and start with their new Teacher.
- New Reception children start full time.

Class Teachers next academic year will remain the same as they are this year:

Reception:	Miss Morris
Year 1:	Mr Coppenhall
Year 2:	Mrs Furness 4 days / Mrs Gambles 1 day
Year 3:	Mrs Neiland
Year 4:	Mrs Foy
Year 5:	Mrs Thomason
Year 6:	Mrs Crook
Infant PPA:	Mrs Gambles
Junior PPA:	Mrs Roberts

I must re-iterate that these plans could change again according to Government guidance but at this point in time, I am working towards the Government's plan for all children being back in school in September.

Thank you for your ongoing support during these most unusual times.

Yours sincerely,

Ms H T Lennon,
Head Teacher



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