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Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year to all of our children and families - we hope that you had a lovely Christmas despite the unusual circumstances and restrictions.

I'm sure you will have heard about, or read, the speculation in the media around primary schools reopening this week. We were delighted to welcome children back to school this morning. Our comprehensive Covid risk assessment has been updated for the return to school and we will continue to minimise the risks to the best of our ability.

Please remember that staggered start and finish times and maintaining social distance are an important part of our plan. Only come onto the site at your child's allocated pick up and drop off time and please keep a safe distance, even if that means you need to take a few steps back from other people, particularly at the KS2 playground exit.

As continues to be the case, no one should attend education or childcare if they have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. It is essential that you notify the school as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be attending, when we are expecting them to.

All drop-off and pick up arrangements from September 2020 will continue to be in place.

Class	Drop off	Pick up
St Francis	Registration starts at 8.45 children can be dropped off from 8.30 am at the main school entrance.	School ends at 3.15pm Children can be collected from the school's main entrance.
St Clare	Registration starts at 9.00 children can be dropped off from 8.45 am at the main school entrance.	School ends at 3.30pm Children can be collected from the school's main entrance.
St Vincent de Paul	Registration starts at 9.00am. Use the playground gate which will be open from 8.30 am.	School ends at 3.30pm Children will leave via the playground gate.
St Teresa of Calcutta	Registration starts at 8.50am. Use the playground gate which will be open from 8.30 am.	School ends at 3.20pm Children will leave via the playground gate.
St Oscar Romero	Registration starts at 8.40am. Use the playground gate which will be open from 8.30 am.	School ends at 3.10pm Children will leave via the playground gate.

As always, we will endeavor to ensure that a member of staff will be on duty at both entrances to aid you in this process. We would kindly ask that you continue to adhere to the staggered timings, as this will support social distancing.

Please can I also urge you again to remember the following:

- Do not send your child to school if they have ANY of the three symptoms of COVID-19 (a temperature or a continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell)
- Do not send your child to school if they have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Please report all COVID absences to the school office.

I appreciate that this remains a worrying time for all within the school community. Please rest assured that we are dedicated to making sure that the health, safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and their families is paramount in each and every decision that we make.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you a safe and healthy 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Dunne

Headteacher