



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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## School Reopening - September 2020 – further information

Dear Parents/Carers,

5 September 2020

While we are eagerly awaiting the return of all pupils back to school, I would like to provide you with some further information.

### Key dates

The school will reopen on the following days:

- Thursday 10 September 2020 – Year1- Year6
- Monday 14 September 2020 – Reception (staggered start, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Wed 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Monday 21 September 2020 – Nursery (staggered start, Mon14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Breakfast Club will reopen on Monday 14 September 2020. A letter will be sent out next week.

### Arrival/Departure

All parents are asked to strictly adhere to the following rules:

- Drop off and collect your child, at the allocated time, at the main (vehicle) gate or side (ginnel) gate.
- Do not congregate at the school gates, entries, or paths.
- Do not approach school staff, and where possible refrain from going to the school office.
- Phone or email instead, if you have anything that you want to let the school know.

Bubble	Start time	Finish time	Entry/Exit point
Nur/Rec	8.50-9.00am	3.10-3.20pm	Main (vehicle) gate
Y1/2	8.40-8.50am	3.00-3.10pm	Main (vehicle) gate
Y3/4	8.50-9.00am	3.10-3.20pm	Side (ginnel) gate
Y5/6	8.40-8.50am	3.00-3.10pm	Side (ginnel) gate

### Lunch

Most children will eat in their classrooms, while some will have their lunch in the hall. If your child normally has school dinners, they will be served hot grab bags (including foods such as a slice of pizza, a sandwich, a burger in a bun, a sausage/cheese roll, a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, yogurt, cheese sticks, flapjack, etc.). Packed lunches and free school meal systems will operate as normal.

### Uniform & Pumps

We expect all children to be wearing full school uniform, which needs no additional cleaning or washing, other than the normal standards of hygiene. To avoid over-crowding in cloakrooms, children are not required to wear pumps indoors (except for Rec children, who often sit/play on the floor).

### PE & Sport

We ask that on a PE day, children come to school wearing their indoor PE kit (**white t-shirt & black shorts**). An outdoor PE kit (**plain black tracksuit**) should be worn, on top of their indoor PE kit. As much as possible, PE lessons will take place outdoors. Therefore, outdoor sport shoes (**black trainers**) must be worn.

Rec, Y2 & Y4 PE day	Y1 & Y6 PE day	Y3 & Y5 PE day
Monday	Wednesday	Thursday

## Toast & Fruit

Understandably, toast will not be available at break times, until further notice. So please ensure your child has a good breakfast every morning, to keep them going until lunch. Currently, we are awaiting to hear further information regarding the Free Fruit scheme; and I will update you as soon as I can.

## School Resources

To avoid sharing of school equipment as much as possible, all KS2 children will be allocated with their own school pencil case and all necessary equipment for their lessons. KS1 children will have a tray of resources to share with their table partners. All school equipment and frequently touched resources will be cleaned regularly, as per our school risk assessment.

## Home Equipment

To keep our school as safe as possible, we ask that no equipment is brought from home to school, except what is absolutely necessary (such as a packed lunch box). Children should not be bringing any bags, home pencil cases, PE kits, toys or any other home items to school.

## Reading & Homework

Home reading and homework will commence in approximately 2 weeks. Reading and homework books will be sent home weekly on Fridays and brought back on Mondays. We are continuing to use online learning, so please ensure your child accesses Spelling Shed, Times Table Rock Stars and Bug Club, at least once per week.

## Attendance

From September, attendance is mandatory, and all children are expected attend school. Children who are ill should, as usual, be kept at home and families should notify school in the usual way as to the absence. Not surprisingly, with the amount of time missed from school and our need to 'catch up', no term-time holidays will be authorised in 2020/2021.

## Keeping Safe

Minimal mixing, robust hygiene, and enhanced cleaning arrangements are the three main protective measures, which will help to keep the school environment as safe as possible. Face coverings are not required to be worn by any children or staff. Cleaning and protective equipment is in plentiful supply and has been issued to all classes, with staff fully trained as to when, and how to use it correctly.

## Meet your Teacher

To help prepare your child for returning to school, please look at our school website <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/children/>. Each class page contains a picture of their teacher with a short welcome back message. On Monday, we will also be adding several photographs of the new classrooms.

## Contact us

We are very aware that for some children it has been a long time since they have been in school and they may be a little apprehensive. If you have any specific or significant worries about your child returning to school, please ring the school on Monday 7 September, or leave us a message, anytime, via our school website <https://bsf-leeds.co.uk/contact/>.

We are greatly looking forward to welcoming the children back to school, and our families into our school community.

Yours sincerely

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