



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School



Information for children in
Nursery & Reception

Welcome back!

Dear Nursery and Reception,

We have missed you all so much and we cannot wait to welcome you back to St. Catherine's very soon. Your teachers have been working hard in school to get ready for your return!

Some things will look a little different when you come back to school and this booklet, along with the video from your teachers, will help to explain how school will be when you come back. It might feel a bit *strange that things won't be just like before school closed* but we will all work together to make sure you settle back into the school routine quickly.

Please know that you are loved by everyone in our St. Catherine's community and that we are so excited to welcome you back. We know you will be having lots of different feelings and it's okay to feel excited, nervous, worried, happy, scared, or anything else! Your teachers are here for you and we have lots of great learning planned for your return. We will all work together to help everyone to feel confident and happy about being back in school 😊.

Mummies and Daddies- please share the information in this booklet with your child, to help you prepare them for coming back to school. Your teachers will be ready and waiting in school on your first day to answer any other questions too.

See you soon!

Love from all of your St. Catherine's family

How often will I be in school?

You will be in school two days a week and will learn at home for the other three days, completing the home learning challenges you have been set by your teachers.

Which teachers will be in Reception?

The teachers in your year group will be:

Class 1: Mrs McCormick and Mrs Merrick

Class 2: Mrs Helsby and Miss Overbury

Nursery: Miss Daly, Mrs Rowley and Mrs O'Hagan



Our classes will be split in half, which means not everyone from your class will be in school at the same time. But don't worry, lots of your friends will be in school with you. We are calling these half classes 'bubble groups'.

Will my classroom look different?

Yes, it will look a little different but we think you'll get used to it quickly. Have a look at the video too, to see what your classroom will look like. I bet you won't be able to spot many changes!

Classroom photos:

Nursery



Reception



Will I still be able to use the playground?

Yes! We will all get a turn to use our Early Years Playground. At the moment, we won't be using the climbing equipment. We are going to set up a bike wash station for you to clean the bikes and have lots of other things in place to ensure we are keeping safe all the time. We will also have a handwashing station outside!

Reception will also get chance to spend some time on the big playground too!
This will help you get ready for moving into Year 1.

Will lunch times be different?

For Reception- Yes, they will be a little different! You will eat your lunch in your classroom instead of the hall. Don't worry though, it will be lovely! We might even put something on for you to watch whilst you eat your yummy food. You will all bring your own lunch into school too in a disposable bag. This means it can go in the bin once you have eaten it all!

What will happen when I come into school?

All the year groups in school have been given a different time to come in.
Reception will be the first class to come into school each day!

You might notice some yellow lines outside school when you come back. These are to help you and your adults queue up before coming into school. We will welcome you into school through the usual gate and there will be hand-sanitising stations for you to clean your hands before you go into school. Then, you will walk into your classroom the way you always do!

One parent or carer will be able to bring you part of the way into the playground and then they will leave through the big red gate (this is near the green gate you come into school through).



What will happen at home time?

Home time will be a little bit different. You will go onto the playground with your teacher and stand in a certain area of the playground. Your adult will queue to come into school and collect you! You will then leave through the big red gate.

What can I bring into school?

Good question! You will be able to bring some of your usual items in, but some things will need to stay at home. See the list below to help you know what to bring and what not to bring to school:

You need to bring in...	You can bring in if you wish.	You should not bring in...
Your lunch (this must be in a disposable bag so that it can be thrown away after)	Hand sanitiser	A lunch box
Your coat (if needed, based on weather)	Small pack of tissues	A school bag
A healthy snack		Pencil cases or any stationery
Labelled water bottle with still, unflavoured water in		Books
Sun hat and sun cream (if needed, based on weather)		Toys
Inhaler/epi-pen (if you need one usually)		Home learning books
Your reading book needs to come back to school on the first day you are back.		Jewellery

What should I wear?

You can wear your school P.E. kit with a pair of trainers (which you can fasten yourself) or pumps and your school jumper or cardigan. It's important that your

clothes are clean each day. For children in Nursery, a white polo shirt and shorts or tracksuit bottoms is just fine!

What will I be learning?

We will still be learning things as we always do in school but our days might be in a slightly different order to usual. We will also spend more time looking at how you are feeling and talking about any worries you may have. You can use this as and when you want to. We will make sure the guided reading set for each week is completed in school, so you won't need to do this activity at home!

What happens if I don't feel well while I'm in school?

That's okay - we'll look after you like we always do! If you are not well enough to stay in school, we will still ring a parent or carer to come and pick you up, like usual.

Can I still use the same toilets?

Yes of course! Each class will have their own toilet to use. There will be a sign up on the toilet doors and by the sinks which will help you. Your teacher will explain this all to you on the first day back.



I've seen some people who are wearing things like masks and gloves. Will my teachers be wearing things like this?

Maybe. If you or someone else in your bubble hurts themselves or needs to get changed, then your teachers will need to put these things on to be able to help them. Please don't worry though, it's still us!

What should I do if I am feeling really worried about coming back to school?

You might be feeling lots of different ways about coming back to school. Maybe you are excited or maybe even a little bit worried too. That's okay. Your teachers will help you and support you to feel less worried. Remember there will be a 'worry box' in your class if you want to write down how you are feeling.

We are so proud of each and every one of you and cannot wait to have you back in school to end the year. We will have lots of fun!

See you all soon!

Love Mrs McCormick x

A prayer you can say before returning to school:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education.

We thank you that we are able to return to school
to continue our learning and reunite with our
St. Catherine's school family.

Help us to grow in confidence as we return to school,
knowing that things will be different but also that we
can celebrate difference and change and work together
as we always do.

*We pray for all members of our St. Catherine's school
community and pray that they are well and safe.*

Help us to look after each other when we return to
school and to continue to always show our school
core values of respect, love, faith, perseverance,
compassion and inspiration.

Amen.