



Bellerive FCJ Catholic College

A Catholic Voluntary Academy

14th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you once again at the start of Week 17 of our forced closure. You have been fulsome in your praise of the work that teachers have set, the provision that we have maintained for Key Worker and Vulnerable children and some of the fun activities that have been suggested. I hope your daughters enjoy and get involved with our virtual Sports day!

This letter contains a lot of information and is long. I am sorry about this but I hoped that this might answer some of the questions you may have now before we go into the summer break. I will send it out again in August to remind you of the arrangements once again!

It has been a busy few weeks in school as we have welcomed Yr 10 and Yr 12 back to lessons. We have tried to provide a curriculum for them which is not only focussed on academic learning but on helping our young people to get 'school ready' again and have an opportunity to talk about their lockdown experiences.

School is re-opening for all pupils from September in line with Government guidance. I attach a link to the parental information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

School closes for this academic year next Thursday, 16th July at 12:30pm. There will be no summer provision for Key Worker or vulnerable children.

School reopens on Wednesday, 2nd September. Tuesday, 1st September has been designated as a staff Development Day.

We will have a staggered start for our different year groups in September. This is in recognition of the fact that we have been unable to run any on site transition activities for our new Year 7 and that many of our year groups have not been in school since March. It will allow us to brief pupils on the new arrangements in operation in school to minimise risk and allow them to familiarise themselves with their new routines.

The Bellerive buses will not be running for the first week but will commence on Monday, 7th September. Information regarding the buses is on the website.

Wednesday, 2nd September 2020

8:45am – 12:30pm **Year 7** – enter by black gate on Ullet Rd

1:00pm – 3:20pm **Year 12** - enter by Sefton Park building entrance

There will be no lunch provision. Sandwiches and a drink will be provided for those eligible for Free School Meals.

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Thursday, 3rd Sept 2020

8:45am – 12:30pm **Year 8** enter by Ullet Rd gate and onto Elmfield yard

1:00pm – 3:20pm **Year 9** enter by Ullet Rd gate and onto Bellerive yard.

There will be no lunch provision. Sandwiches and a drink will be provided for those eligible for Free School Meals.

Friday, 4th Sept 2020

8:45am – 12:30pm **Year 10** enter by Ullet Rd gate and onto Bellerive yard

1:00pm – 3:20pm **Year 11** and Year 7 activities

Year 11 enter by Sefton Park building and Year 7 by the black gate on Ullet Rd and onto the Elmfield yard.

There will be no lunch provision. Sandwiches and a drink will be provided for those eligible for Free School Meals.

On Monday, 7th September, the school is open for the entire pupil body at normal times ie 8:45am until 3:20pm. We do not intend to stagger the start and finish times as many of our pupils arrive by the Bellerive buses and we believe that we have sufficient entry and exit points to manage this safely for our pupils. **This will be Week A on pupil timetables.**

Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitiser will be insisted upon.

The canteen will operate as normal from this week on with queues carefully managed, food will be available from a range of different places, and pupils will eat in designated areas of the school according to their year group.

Pupils should wear uniform as normal so please ensure that you have the correct uniform and shoes ready for our Sept opening. The usual rules with regard to false tan, make up, hair colour, and nails etc will apply. **We have added a pair of green tartan trousers to our uniform. Our kilt is still a distinctive part of our uniform but we recognise that some young people may prefer to wear trousers.**

Pupils will not be allowed to share equipment and so please ensure that your daughter has the usual stationery herself as she cannot borrow anything!

Year groups will be placed in designated areas of the school and teachers will move to lessons in that area. Any lessons outside of the designated areas such as PE, ART, D&T and Science will be carefully organised to ensure no mixing of year groups. There will be no practical lessons in the first few weeks. The Gov't guidance to schools suggests year group sized bubbles and this is what we are hoping to implement.

We will continue with a broad and balanced curriculum contrary to what you may have heard or read in the media. There may need to be some changes to the PE and Music curricula. Our Behaviour policy has been amended to include issues around not following the school's risk management procedures in relation to Covid – 19 and the amended version is available as always on the school website.

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The Bellerive buses will run from the 7th September and our Finance Dep't has been in contact regarding the purchase of bus passes. There will be **no cash transactions in school** and so parents will have to arrange payment for lunches and the bus via ParentPay.

Pupils will be required to wear a mask on the bus, sanitise their hands on boarding and disembarking and sit in their allocated seat. Seats will be allocated according to year group.

Unfortunately, entry will be refused to those who do not comply.

I have outlined the school's procedure in the event of a child reporting as ill in school with coronavirus symptoms. This is in the form of a short video which can be found on YouTube. We are sending out the contact details we have on file to the parents and carers of all pupils in school. Please check them carefully, amend if necessary, and return in the SAE provided. It is imperative that we have **three emergency contacts** from you. Parents must collect their child from school if requested to do so or send another appropriate **adult** to do so.

Parents will only be seen by prior appointment. Please contact the school by phone or email to arrange. Please do not come to Reception without an appointment except in the case of an emergency.

It is imperative that you do not send your child to school if they are ill with the symptoms of corona virus or if someone in the household is isolating or ill. Please keep school informed. There is a lot of digest in this! Please be assured that the safety of the girls and the staff is my paramount concern. That said, everyone has to do their bit to ensure that the school is a safe environment and that all keep well. This includes pupils, parents, carers, staff and Governors. Vouchers for the summer period for those entitled to Free School Meals will be posted or emailed home early next week. **Please bear in mind that this single voucher for £90 covers the 6 week summer holiday period.** From Sept, children will receive their meal in school and the voucher system will cease.

I am sorry that there is so much included here but I feel it is important that you are aware of what is happening in Sept and can prepare for it.

I wish you all a restful and safe summer. We look forward to all being together again in September.

As always please contact us by phone or email if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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