Dear Parents and Carers,

We at St Bernadette’s have put into place these plans, using DfE guidance, for the gradual opening of school for the children in Apple (Reception), Oak (Year 1) and Sycamore (Year 6) classes from next Monday 22nd June. The children of Key/Critical Worker children will continue to attend as normal.

The Year groups are being split into two classes of no more than 15 children in each group.

**Apple (Reception) Class**

Apple Class will begin on **Monday 22nd June at 8:45am to 3.00pm.**
One parent and child only to enter and leave school by the gate next to Apple Class.
Apple will be situated in Apple and Oak classes.
Apple Class will have their outdoor area as their play area.

**Oak (Year 1) Class**

Oak will begin on **Wednesday 24th June at 9:00am to 3:15pm.**
One parent and child only to enter school by the KS1 playground and leave school by the kitchen gate by Hawthorn classroom (one way system).
Oak (Year 1) will be situated in Beech and Eucalyptus classes.
Oak Class will use the KS1 playground.

**Sycamore (Year 6) Class**

Sycamore will begin on **Monday 29th June at 9:15am to 3:30pm**
Children only to enter and leave school by the main office entrance.
Sycamore (Year 6) will be situated in Sycamore and Willow classes.
Sycamore Class will use the KS2 playground.

**Key/Critical Worker children**

Keyworker children not in Apple, Oak and Sycamore classes will begin at 9.00am and finish at 3.15pm.
Children only to enter and leave the school by the main entrance.
Key worker children will be situated in Elm (KS1 children) class and the hall (KS2 children).
Key worker children will use the KS1 playground.
One parent only to drop off and collect children at the class entrance and not allowed to enter the school. Please make sure that you arrive at these times only so as to avoid congestion with other classes and children are not allowed to arrive too early before school.

**Parents need to inform school on a weekly basis by Friday noon at the latest** as to what days their children will be attending school so that appropriate arrangements can be put in place. Children can not just turn up on the day.

School uniform to be worn and cleaned at the end of the school day.

Children to have packed lunches only which will be eaten in their class base (school packed lunch orders made through Parent Pay, no cash please).

Children to bring in their own labelled water bottle.

School bags (only packed lunches) not allowed in school. School books will not be sent home. Please do not bring in toys from home.

**Any child that has an underlying health condition which is considered to be moderate (eg asthma) or high risk should not attend school.**


**Any child receiving medication should not attend school.**

Different toilet facilities for each year group.

Sanitisers available in every room and thorough hand washing to be encouraged regularly.

The children will follow a curriculum of reinforcement and consolidation in line with the timetable set for home learning (do not bring in home learning packs).

The outdoor environment will be used as much as possible for learning.

Each area and equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day (PPE provided for staff).

If a child or member of staff shows symptoms of the illness then their group will have to stay at home and self-isolate.

These measures are being devised to ensure that social distancing is a very high priority for the safety of the children and staff. However as you can imagine it is impossible to guarantee full social distancing due to the nature of children in all age groups. These measures are developed **to reduce and not eliminate the risk to children and staff.**
I must stress that if you do not feel school will be a safe environment for your child then you are under no obligation to send them into school as the safety of your child is of paramount importance.

Please send all correspondence by email only to

bursar@st-bernadettes.lancs.sch.uk

For further information please visit


Thank you for your consideration.

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