



**St. Catherine's**  
RC Primary School

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**October 2020**



# News from St. Catherine's R.C. Primary School

**'Be who God wants you to be and so set the world on fire.'**

## The first few weeks...

Before the summer we started to plan for the return of all children in September and this meant looking closely at our curriculum and identifying gaps in learning due to school closure.

During the first few weeks of term there has been a special focus on personal, social and health education, in addition to re-establishing routines and expectations across all areas of learning.

Assessments are highlighting specific gaps in learning due to COVID and our curriculum continues to be remodelled so the children catch-up with the knowledge, skills and understanding lost.

We have been fortunate so far in that, with the exception of the delayed start for our Nursery children, school has remained open to all year groups. There have been children or families who have needed to self-isolate due to symptoms or family members with a positive result, but this has impacted on very few children. However, if this happens to your child, work is provided for them to complete if they are well enough to do so.

If there is a need to close school for a class or year group the home learning structure has already been developed, which includes daily online taught sessions and learning.

We hope and pray that this won't be necessary, but if it is, please be assured that St. Catherine's is ready!



## Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and each Friday the children lead our school family in praying a decade of the Rosary virtually. Please click below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEIHIHTKVc>

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# Healthy Snacks and Lunches

Please make sure that packed lunches are healthy and not contain sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. We ask that you keep an eye on the fat, sugar and salt content of items too. Follow this link to ideas for healthy lunch options:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#Ylzv4LIIdIP6vzswj.97>

In Key Stage 2 the children can bring in a snack for morning breaktime, but this is limited to fruit, vegetables or breadsticks or plain crackers. No fruit bars, fruit winders, cereal bars or cheese dunkers please.



**The children need water to keep hydrated during the day, but no juice or flavoured water is allowed.**

**SAVE THE EARTH**



**NO PLASTIC**

The children are very concerned about single use plastic and we are trying to reduce this in school. Recently, we have asked Manchester Fayre to stop using plastic bags to distribute packed lunches. As a result they have moved to paper grab bags—saving over 500 plastic bags a week going to landfill! There is much more to do though. Think about what you bring to school—is there a greener alternative?

Mrs Hopkins has been our SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator) since January 2020 and from January 2021 Miss Cooper is taking over this important role in school. Miss Cooper is working alongside Mrs Hopkins throughout this term so there is a thorough hand over.



**Please don't forget - jewellery must not be worn in school. This includes stud earrings.**

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# Reminders

WEARING A MASK IS AN ACT OF  
*Kindness*



**We now ask that all adults wear a face covering when coming to drop off or collect your child.**

**Thank you for your help with this.**



- Keep 2 metres apart – please use the yellow markings as a guide.
- Have one parent or carer only to attend for pick up for collecting time.
- Arrive at the allocated time for your year group to come into school and not earlier.
- After picking up or dropping off your child, please leave in a timely manner.
- If you need to queue again for a child in another year group please keep your child in the line with you. We work really hard in school to make sure the children mix only with others in their year group. Close contact with other children could mean the need to self-isolate for 14 days.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the playground. Ideally, do not bring dogs with you when you collect the children. This is for two reasons:
  - ⇒ some children are afraid and anxious around dogs
  - ⇒ for other children dogs are a magnet which encourages children to mix outside their year group.



- Please wear a face covering.

*Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.*

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# PTA

Thank you for your donations to the Bags2School collection. This raised **£237.**

We are excited to announce that we are now registered on AmazonSmile and would love for you to choose St. Catherine's R.C. Primary School as your charity.

What do you need to do?

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**St. Catherine's PTA**

**AGM**

Annual General Meeting

**Everyone is welcome.**

Stay informed and get involved.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm via Zoom**

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