



ST. PATRICK'S RC HIGH SCHOOL
A National Teaching School



25th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know our children have been taught in year group zones since September to reduce the likelihood of the transmission of Covid. We now think it is the right time to move children out of year group zones for the following reasons:

- Teachers can be better prepared for lessons, meaning children get the best from us
- Teachers can be in their own classroom, ready to receive pupils for a prompt start to learning
- Pupils have immediate access to all resources and facilities they need
- We want children to begin to return to normal school life

We have considered the following health and safety factors when making this decision:

- Covid rates in our area are now low (providing we remain unaffected by the India variant surge in Bolton)
- All the same safety measures as before will be in place in the classrooms
- Transmission when people are moving past each other is thought to be low so we believe this is low risk
- Pupils will still be zoned in social times

From Monday 7th June pupils will be given a new timetable and be taught in the usual subject areas, as per before Covid. To help pupils make this change successfully we will have an extended form time on the first day back after half term. We are also touring pupils around the school so they are re-familiarised with the layout of our buildings; this is obviously most important for Year 7.

We do not yet know if pupils will be able to remove masks in classrooms or on corridors. As soon as we have an update from public health about this I will let you know. Please plan for your child to continue to wear a mask so they are prepared. Pupils have been brilliant in following the rules on masks and have barely complained at all. We know it is a pain and they are tired of wearing masks. We are so grateful to them for being understanding and co-operative.

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Also, so that teachers can move all their books and resources back to their classrooms we will be finishing school at 1.15pm this Friday (28th May). We will ask the buses to arrive for 1.15pm. If your child needs to stay until 3.00pm we can look after them in school. Please let your child's form tutor know if you require your child to stay with us. Please accept my apologies for the late notice on this.

Finally, this week we are filming our second St Patrick's vlog. Once we are ready to release it we will let you know so you can try and spot your child! We will also be sending home some guidance for parents soon on uniform changes for September. For example, appropriate footwear. We are sending this out well in advance so parents have time to make sure their child meets our standards in full in September.

Have a lovely half term break. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Byrne
Headteacher**

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