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The Feast of St Pope Paul VI  
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RE: Whole School Update on possible opening to more children

Dear Parents

This Sunday the Church celebrates its birthday and the Feast of Pentecost. In our homes and communities let's join together to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit that we may be recipients of the Spirit's gifts.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

As expected the Prime Minister announced that schools can begin to take in more children from 1<sup>st</sup> June. We are all very excited about this new phase in the nation's response to Coronavirus and we're keen to make it work. We are really looking forward to welcoming the Y1 and Y6 children whose parents responded to the survey back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and to continuing to provide home learning for those the children at home. For more on this see the midweek update from 27<sup>th</sup> May here:

<http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/Media/midweek-update-27th-may.pdf>

The new class bubbles are now fixed and teachers of these groups have begun planning for these children. This means that the earliest additional children (children whose parents have changed their mind and want them to come in) will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. I appreciate that this seems a long time in the future but please be patient and understand that these new bubbles have taken careful planning. We do have additional teachers ready to take more groups but initially some of these will be planning home learning and others will be working with the children in our Key Worker Child Care Club.

I will write to Y1 and Y6 parents of children who are returning in the week to let you know which bubble they are in, who the staff working with them will be and what time their phased start and collection times are.

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Please remember that it will not be normal school or learning. The Government have made this clear and stressed that children should be in fresh air – outside if possible – to minimise the risk of catching the virus. Staff in school will be wearing face masks, visors and sometimes gloves as this helps them to feel safer.

In my letter next week I will also let you know how you should line up to maintain a 2m distance and where the hand sanitiser stations are.

**Some key points:**

- Children in school will wear home clothes – something easy to wash – so that they can be in completely new clothes each day
- They will need sun hats or caps (which also need washing everyday) and
- sun screen which they will need to apply.
- Staff will be wearing masks, visors and sometimes gloves
- Your child's bubble teacher may not be their class teacher
- Different bubbles will not mix and will have different start times, playtimes, lunchtimes and pick up times.
- Children should bring their own hand towel in – clean everyday and
- Children need to bring in their own hand sanitisers too
- Y6 will need a packed lunch but Y1's packed lunch will be provided for them.
- Key Worker Child Care Club will run Monday to Friday.
- We will continue to offer places in our Child Care Club for Key Worker children – new children can join if you are returning to work please use the form on our home page to register for a place.
- Teachers in school will work with Key Worker children on Mon-Thurs

Thank you for your continued support.

St Paul VI: Pray for Us! St Mary: Pray for us!

Yours sincerely

  
Head Teacher

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