



Love, learn and grow together

School Re-opening Update

Year 6 are back at school and are working hard in our Diamond and Amethyst bubbles. Many thanks to Mr Quinn and Mr Finney for helping them to readjust to school life and regular lessons.

We are still providing places to children in priority order:

- Priority 1 Vulnerable children
- Priority 2 Children of Key Workers
- Priority 3 Children in Year 6
- Priority 4 Children in Year 1
- Priority 5 Children in Reception

Following the government announcement this week, **children in years 2, 3, 4 and 5** will not return until September, at the earliest. On Monday 8th June, more Key Worker children began to return to school and joined our bubbles. Remaining Key Worker children will return on 15th June. Some Year 1 children, who wish to return this term, will be contacted next week with a start date.

Key Workers who have not booked any sessions with us will now have to join a waiting list if they require a place, as all bubbles will be full. In order to meet social distancing regulations we have a maximum number of children in each bubble. Children work, play and eat in bubbles, staying together all day. Bubbles change occasionally as some staff and children attend part time.

At lunchtime, no more than 32 children access the hall at any one time. Outside on the field the bubbles stay together to play in the fresh air. We may be able to open an extra bubble for Reception in July.

We are now planning for September, with four options being considered - more details next week.

Our Special Church

We heard some very sad news this week about our church. The archdiocese has decided not to open a number of its churches after the pandemic and St Peter and St Paul's is one of them.



It is planned for our school to link with **Holy Cross** church and that Father Kevan will move out of his house at the end of June to live there.

We all wish Father Kevan the very best with his move and thank him so much for his continued service to our local community.

Mrs Rigby and the governors will be working with the archdiocese to develop new ways of working and will be in touch soon with news of private prayer times, masses and Holy Communions.

As Holy Cross is a thirty minute walk from our school, we will provide coaches to take the children to special celebration masses. We may also hold some celebrations in our school hall and, when the weather is fine, outside in our Peace Garden.



Holy Cross Church in St Helens

Purple Mash

All children should be using our learning platform, Purple Mash, every day.

80% of children in most classes are now submitting work daily.



If you can't access Purple Mash due to a lack of internet or a device please collect a work pack from school each Monday morning. If you need help, please let us know.

Purple Mash **Champions this week:**

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| Reception | Ava May and Oliver |
| Year 1 | Freya and Riley |
| Year 2 | Reuben and Heidi |
| Year 3 | Olivia and Amelia |
| Year 4 | Ucer and Gabriella |
| Year 5 | Iris and Thomas |
| Year 6 | Grace and Jack |

Drop Off and Collect Days

Many children had left personal items in school such as water bottles, PE kits and pencil cases. We have arranged special days when they or a family member can collect items.

Children may also bring in work they have completed at home to pass to their teachers if they would like to do so.

All school reading books must be returned by the end of term as they are expensive and we need complete sets to teach reading groups next year.

Please pop in at any time between 10am and 12 noon during your special day. Sibling groups may drop off and collect together if arranged in advance so that we can get everything ready.

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| Reception | Thursday 25th June |
| Year 1 | Friday 26th June |
| Year 2 | Thursday 2nd July |
| Year 3 | Friday 3rd July |
| Year 4 | Wednesday 8th July |
| Year 5 | Thursday 9th July |
| Year 6 | Friday 10th July |

R Rate

We were concerned at the end of last week that the media were reporting an apparent rise in the R rate in the North West of England.

The Director of Public Health for St Helens, Susan Forster, reassured us that this was not the case in St Helens and that transmission is decreasing rapidly in our area. She will now send us regular updates so that we can respond appropriately based upon local expert information.

Online Safety

Click [here](#) for our monthly newsletter about online safety. This month's topics are YouTube and online gaming. Previous months have dealt with subjects such as cyber bullying, TikTok and iOS parental controls.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Archie and Noah who sent these amazing cakes into school this week - they were absolutely delicious!



Families In Need

We recognise that some of our families may have faced many challenges since the lock down began. Please contact us if this is the case and speak to our Safeguarding Lead, Mr Finney.

Many thanks to Morrisons who dropped off large amounts of pasta, rice, milk, ready meals and cereal this week to be distributed to families.

Please let us know if you need any help or support.

