

St. Margaret's C of E Primary School (V.A.)

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St. Margaret's C.E.



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Dear Families,

We find ourselves again in challenging times: once again schools are closed to all but the majority of pupils. Children who are eligible to attend school during this time have been allocated a 'Bubble' in which they will remain whilst in school in order to minimise contact with others.

Please see below for important information regarding arrival at school for Key Worker and Vulnerable children as well as times of the school day for these children. The released 'Guidance for Schools' documents from the Government have informed our planning along with the safety and welfare of each of our children and our members of staff being paramount in our thoughts.

Entrance & Exit Gates & Allocated External Areas

- **EYFS Bubble (9-3pm daily)**
 - children to be met and delivered back to parents at the corner gate exiting onto Farrand Road/Lonsdale Road
 - entrance to bubble via nursery entrance door
 - use of EYFS play area
- **Chamber Bubble (9-3pm daily)**
 - children to be met and delivered back to parents at the Prayer Garden gate at the top of Lonsdale Road
 - entrance to bubble via usual Fox double doors
 - use of Prayer Garden
- **Heron Bubble (9-3pm daily)**
 - children to be met and delivered back to parents at the front pedestrian gate on Hive Street.
 - entrance to bubble via Mall double doors leading to main yard
 - use of KS2 yard - staggered so no contact with other bubbles. Outdoor equipment and trim trail must not be used.
- **Durban Bubble (9-3pm daily)**
 - children to be met and delivered back to parents at the gate at the side of the Beehive building
 - entrance to bubble via Mall double doors leading to main yard
 - use of KS2 yard - staggered so no contact with other bubbles. Outdoor equipment and trim trail must not be used.

Important information - timings, lunches, other requirements, clothing, water bottles

- For Key Worker children the times of the school day will be 9.00am-3.00pm.
- The school day has been cut slightly shorter to allow time for additional cleaning to be carried out.
- Usual arrangements for school dinners apply. If your child usually has a school lunch they will be provided with one; if you usually send them with a packed lunch please continue to do so.
- Children will **not** be required to wear school uniform - this is to more easily allow clean clothes to be worn each day which is a requirement of sending your child to school. Please ensure your child comes adequately dressed for the weather - where the weather is cold but dry children will still be spending time outdoors at lunchtime/playtime.
- All children must be sent into school with a labelled water bottle (even if your child is having a school dinner) as school water bottles are not able to be used.

May I remind you of the importance of recognising the symptoms of Covid19 and the need for self-isolation and testing in the event of a member of your household developing these symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

May I also remind you of the importance of adhering to government restrictions within the community. Please note, we reserve the right to withdraw places if we become aware that families are not following the social distancing rules/guidance. If this situation occurs then an assessment of risk will be undertaken to assess the circumstances - if it is deemed that this is presenting additional risk to others, this may result in the child's place being withdrawn.

For and on behalf of the staff and school governors

Mr Whittle