

# ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the sunshine this week. Over the last two weeks, 73% of children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been in school.

You may remember in a previous update I spoke about the possibility of Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 children returning for a short period. I have spent a lot of time recently with the Senior Leadership Team looking at various options to welcome them back. However, I am incredibly disappointed to say that unfortunately under the current Government school guidelines this will just not be possible. I am so very sorry that we are unable to welcome the children back even for just a day to say goodbye. We just cannot do it. We have not made this decision lightly, thinking about bringing them back brought a lot of excitement to the team here but looking at the whole school picture we just could not do it.

School reports will be coming home for our Class B children this Friday and for their siblings too. We will give our Class A reports out on Monday and for their siblings as well. We will then post the rest of the reports and you should receive them at some point next week.

Some parents have been asking me about September and what will be happening for their children and my honest answer is that I do not know at this point. There was an update last week regarding class bubbles of 30, however we have not received the further guidance from the Government as yet. We have been told to receive something within the next two weeks. Once we have received the guidance, we will put plans in place and contact you again. Thank you for your patience.

Our final week of school will be week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July and **term is due to end from 1:00pm (staggered timings below) on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July for all children, this includes our key worker children as well.** If we were to follow our class A/B rota this will be the week for Class A. We have decided to split the week so both classes come in at different points. Our deep clean will take place on Thursday rather than Wednesday for this week only.

We have decided to allow Year 6 Class A and B to both return for their final day at primary school. Class B will be based in the Year 6 classroom and Class A will be based in the Year 5 classroom. Please follow the staggered morning drop off times on this day. As it is their last day in school, they will enjoy various outdoor games on the field together and have a chance to say goodbye. If it is raining, they will be based in their classrooms. **Please note, we are only allowing Year 6 Class A and Class B to be in school together on the last day of term, not the other eligible classes.**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Class A**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> (all day) and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July (usual end of term pick up from 1:00pm) – Class B. Year 6 Class A may come in on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July as well.**



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## **Staggered collection for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – end of term**

Nursery and Reception – 1pm

Year 1 – 1:10pm

Year 6 A and B – 1:20pm

Key Worker classes – 1:30pm

Please remember that our teachers have been blogging activities for the children to do at home on a Friday. The blogs can be accessed via our twitter page or by going directly to our blog <https://clitherowspeaks.wordpress.com/> You are able to follow the blog via email by using the sign up function at the bottom of the blog home page. That way you will be given an email alert once each class teacher has blogged. Please note that the classroom secrets packs update every week. To find the packs, you must click on <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/> scroll down and select the week to find the pack – it is in red at the bottom of the page. Please do contact the school if you need support in accessing the home learning activities.

We were going to change the format of our Sports Day this year and have the events taking place all on one day with a picnic as well. Sadly, this cannot take place this year. However, we have decided to hold a virtual sports day instead! We will be in contact again soon to explain the activities we want the children to try and do at home. The children in school will also compete!

Please do not forget to send your goodbye messages to Year 6 **by tomorrow**. Please remember that this includes children from Year 6 who have not been attending school. Please email a photo of your child holding their message to [leavers@clitherow.herts.sch.uk](mailto:leavers@clitherow.herts.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or you need additional support at home, please do not hesitate to contact me. We have always operated an open door policy at St. Margaret Clitherow School, obviously during these challenging times this has not been possible, however I am always available to take or return telephone calls.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Stay safe

Miss Puccio  
Headteacher

