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Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

5th July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

UPDATE CORRECTIONS ISSUED at 3:10pm

As we enter the sixth week of this challenging period in our school's journey, I can only continue to express how grateful all the staff and I are for all the support you have given us. Your children continue to amaze and delight us, they have shown real strength and resilience.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that from Monday 10th July we will be in a position to partially re-open the main building, which means that all year groups can return to face-to-face teaching and learning full-time. The Year 4 and Year 5 pupils will continue to be transported up to Sacred Heart High School, as they are currently. All staff will be working throughout the day on Friday 7th July to set up the classrooms, to ensure they are accessible and ready for a Monday 10th July re-opening. Currently, it is my hope that we should be able to open to all pupils returning to our single site, including the Year 4 and Year 5 pupils, on Monday 17th July 2023. I will be able to confirm more details about that next week.

The main hall, front office, Heads office, LKS2 classrooms, SEN Hub, Adult toilets and the library are not yet cleared for use, so they all remain closed to all staff and pupils. We have prioritised areas which can be linked and are accessible from the outside, to open as quickly as possible. I would like to reassure you that we are opening parts of the building on an authorised phased plan. Each section can only be released as safe by ARUP, the company who are overseeing and guaranteeing the safety of the work. I would like to thank all the contractors and companies who have worked so hard and with such speed to put in place all these additional safety measures. It is remarkable what they have been able to achieve in a few short weeks.

Entry to school for ALL pupils

- Nursery and Reception children will walk through the wooden gate into their yard and hand over their children to their teacher via their classroom door.
- Y1 to Y6 pupils need to walk around the outside path to the school yard, as normal each morning, where teachers will register them and walk them around the outside to their classrooms.

Holy Island

Year 6 pupils will still go to Holy Island on Monday 10th July, the bus is due to leave at 8:45am and it will be a late return (Approx 6:30pm) as we are planning to stop for fish and chips in Seahouses on the way back. We will text you once the bus leaves Seahouses. The forecast is for rain and wind so please make sure your child has a warm waterproof jacket and a large packed lunch. There is no shelter so we will be outside all day, regardless of the weather.



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Our plans for the coming week (w/c Monday 10th July) are as follows:

Year group	Start time and venue	Collection time and venue
Nursery	8:45am To enter via the NURSERY door daily	3:00pm To collect from NURSERY door
Reception	8:45am To drop off from RECEPTION door	3:00pm To collect from RECEPTION door
Year 1, Year 2,	8:45am All pupils to come into school daily (NO ROTA) via the green gate	3:05pm All pupils to be collected from school daily (NO ROTA) via the green gate
Year 3	8:45am All pupils to come into school daily (NO ROTA) via the green gate	3:10pm All pupils to be collected from school daily (NO ROTA) via the green gate
Year 4 and Year 5	Drop off at SJV school Sacred Heart High School travel via bus every day	Collect from SJV school Sacred Heart High School via bus every day
Year 6	9:00am Come into school daily via the green gate	3:15pm To collect daily from green gate

All pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will return to their own classrooms on Monday 10th July. Year 3 will continue to be taught in the Lindisfarne block, Year 4 and Year 5 will continue to be bused up to Sacred Heart High School and Year 6 will be based in the Lindisfarne block but will still have rehearsals in the hall at West Denton Community Centre.

Parents picking up and dropping off out of school hours

If parents need to drop off or collect children during the school day, please wait outside the metal green gates and ring school, a member of staff will come and meet you. Please **DO NOT** walk onto the pupil's pathway around the side of school and enter the building, you must be escorted.

Free School Meals

Parents of pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals will continue to be issued **PACKED LUNCHES** from school

Universal School Meals

Those pupils who want to take it up in Rec, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will continue to be issued with packed lunches as part of the USM offer.

End of school events for Year 6

It is still my hope and expectation that all the Year 6 parents will be invited to all the end of term activities. The pupils and staff have been doing their best to rehearse but you can imagine it has been a challenge. I am sure you will all be incredibly proud of what they have accomplished in such a short time. I will write out to you all next week to confirm all the details.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A.D. Thorpe

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