



# *The Messenger*



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*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We find ourselves opening the school this week to more pupils with some Reception children returning. It has been wonderful to see them enjoying time with their friends, reacquainting themselves, learning about some new rules and having fun playing together. They have been brilliant. Next week we will see Y1 return followed by Y6 the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. The school is looking different with new entrance and exit procedures in place which we are evaluating each day....., and so far so good. With more groups coming back we will continue to see how these procedures are working.

In trying to maintain the reduced risk as much as possible we will close again for a full day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The following Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July, and till the end of term we will close at 12:00 to allow a continued deep clean of the school. It has been a meticulous operation to get to this point and I'd like to thank you all for bearing with us, understanding and for being so patient. As there is some light here in getting more pupils back into school we remain hopeful of getting more pupils back for September safely....., whilst we await further guidance.

**Key worker families: Those of you regularly accessing the provision can you please confirm via email to [head@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) of your needs for the forthcoming weeks, and especially if you increase or decrease your days. Thank you.**

**Other news.....**

**New Staffing Appointment:** I'm delighted to welcome Mrs Rebecca Schauer to the St Gabriel's family who was appointed to the teaching team recently. She will begin her post with us from September teaching Y5. She will bring a wealth of rich experience to the role and we look forward to her getting started with us. I'm sure you will congratulate her on her success when you next see her!

**Premises:** Whilst the main body of the school has been closed, we have also been able to complete the refurbishment of the 'big table' area... ( I say we, but Mr Colclough really 😊) with doors to create a new enclosed private space, for small group learning and meetings. It looks amazing and will give us another great resource for the school.

We are also awaiting the final completion of the lift access down to KS2 which should be completed next week.

Thank you for your continued support, I hope you are all able to stay well and safe with your families.

Please take care.

Edward Byrne

Dear Children... (from Fr Tony)

I am keeping you, your families and teachers in my prayers. If you have a garden or are in the park, I hope you can enjoy the sunny weather. Stay healthy,  
Prayers and best wishes,

One prayer to say is,

**Angel of God,  
My Guardian dear,  
To whom God's love  
Commits me here.  
Ever this day  
be at my side  
to fight and guard  
to rule and guide,  
Amen.**

Promise me you'll always remember:  
You're braver than you believe,  
and stronger than you seem,  
and smarter than you think.

