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Reopening of schools
September 2020

Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

With just over a week to the start of the new academic year it is heartening to see much progress has been made in combating the COVID-19 virus not just nationally but regionally. However, strict DfE guidance is still in place to enable all pupils and staff to safely return to school in September and allow us to make sure all pupils have the required numeracy and literacy skills appropriate to their age group. We are extremely excited to be welcoming all pupils back to St Mary's in September and will endeavour to make the curriculum as exciting as we can under the current guidance. I know parents are anxious for their children to return safely to school and we have done all we can to make sure that staff and pupils' safety is our priority.

- As mentioned in July, Reception class will be starting school in a phased approach
- All other year groups will be welcomed back on Wednesday 2nd September
- In order to keep pupils in their bubbles there will be staggered start and finish times as well as break and lunch times. Please try to be prompt on arrival and collection times to enable us to do this. Staff will be waiting for your child at their line up point at the times shown below

	Line up	START	End
Y1	Front entrance	8:40am	3:00pm
Y2	Back entrance	8:40am	3:00pm
Y3	Yard	8:50am	3:10pm
Y4	Back entrance	9:00am	3:20pm

Reception start times

- Reception pupils to line up at the yard gate. Miss Baird will be there to meet you

Weeks 1 and 2	Weeks 3 and 4 <i>Includes lunch</i>		Week 5 <i>Full time</i>	
Pupils attend either am or pm sessions. No lunch provided	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
	9:10am	1:45pm	9:10am	3:20pm

- Class teachers are as below

Reception	Miss Baird
Year 1	Miss Kane
Year 2	Mrs Stansfield
Year 3	Mr Thompson
Year 4	Mrs Oakes

- Pupils need to wear school uniform but can be old style or new. Any difficulties with buying uniform please get in touch with admin. We are also recycling school uniform and have a selection of uniform available from previous pupils which are washed and ready to be used. If this is of interest to you, please get in touch.

- We are asking pupils to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have a morning sports club to avoid changing at school. Children can get changed later in the morning
- Parents will be asked to sign up for school clubs in the week beginning Monday 7th September. All clubs will be in line with government guidelines and keeping children in their bubble. This may limit the number of pupils able to attend. We have listened to parents who would like to see further wrap around arrangements in place at St Mary's and we will continue our consultation with the wider school community on our return
- The new procedures will be thoroughly and clearly explained to all pupils on their return to school so that they feel confident and at ease in their surroundings
- Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 and inform us of the test results as soon as possible
- If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 you will be expected to pick them up from school as soon as possible and let us know the outcome of the test as soon as you receive it
- Hot lunches will be available for all pupils every day. These will be eaten in the hall on a staggered basis
- All equipment needed for school will be provided by school and kept at school. Pupils do not need to bring a pencil case to school, only a named water bottle and lunch if required
- An updated Risk Assessment will be available on the school website prior to our return
- September can be a very warm month, so can I again ask parents to make sure that children have hats and sun cream applied in the morning when they feel it is necessary. Can we also ask that all children have a warm coat for those not so warm days
- Parking: For the health and safety of all of our children we must ask everyone to be considerate and park only in designated areas. We are as you know very busy during drop-off/pick-up times so please park sensibly at all times and drive slowly. Please do pass on that there is a strict no parking zone around the school gates – No one must park blocking the disabled bay. Can I also please ask that parents park sensibly around the church and stay socially distant during this time until further notice. Parents must not congregate in the car park

Finally, our weekly newsletter is a really important way of staying in touch. Please do take the time to read and digest it. Newsletters are sent home via ParentMail on a Friday afternoon and posted on our website and Facebook. If you haven't yet signed up to this electronic communication service, please do so as this will ensure that it doesn't get lost on the way home. Each newsletter is also published on the school website under the 'Parent' section. We look forward to a happy and positive year ahead and working once again in partnership with you all.

Kind Regards,

Paul Naughton