

27th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a safe and happy summer holiday. We are really looking forward to having the children back in school next week - enjoying their learning and being with their friends and teachers again.



We are very excited that the St. George's family will be together again from Wednesday 2nd September 2020!

On **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd September 2020** the children will return to the classes they were in before lockdown. This is because the children will be in familiar spaces with familiar adults which will help them to feel more confident and happier about returning to school. From **Friday 4th September** onwards they will be in their new classes.

We shared a lot of information with you in July and this is now available in a separate ["Returning to school guide"](#) on our website. We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to remind yourself about our arrangements and to discuss them with your child(ren).

We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that **the safety of you, your child(ren), school staff and visitors to the school remains our number one priority.** To keep everyone as safe as possible we have made lots of changes to the way school operates. This is a summary of the measures we have in place:

- A one way system around the whole school site. All pupils and parents in all year groups will enter the school site via the pedestrian gate on Stevenson Avenue and leave via the exit near Temple Close;
- Staggered start and finish times so there is no congestion;
- Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum so that contact with other groups of children is limited.
- When absolutely necessary movement around the school during the school day will be via external routes when possible;
- Regular handwashing times throughout the school day;



- Staggered break/play times and lunch times;
- Extra furniture has been removed from the classrooms;
- Windows and doors will be kept open to ensure good ventilation;
- Each child will have their own set of equipment that they do not share with others;
- No whole school assemblies/gatherings – these will be via video;
- Hand sanitiser, anti-bacterial spray and disposable cloths and anti-bacterial wipes are in every classroom;
- Regular additional cleaning within the school day;
- Limited visitors in school – they are all tracked to ensure we have full contact details;
- There is a designated isolation area if anyone becomes symptomatic;

Attendance:

It is vital that children and young people return to school this term. It is important for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development. School attendance will be a legal requirement again from Wednesday 2nd September.

If you have any concerns about sending your child back to school please do get in touch so that we can provide you with further information about the safety measures we have in place and reassure that we have made things as safe as possible.

If you have recently returned from one of the countries that is not on the [travel corridor list](#) and have to self-isolate for 14 days, it is vital that you get in touch so that arrangements can be made for your child(ren) to learn at home.

If you have been advised to stay at home/self-isolate via the NHS 'test and trace' process, again please get in touch so that home learning materials and resources can be provided for your child(ren).

Whilst establishing good patterns of attendance again is very important, if you, your child or any member of your household has symptoms of COVID-19 they should not come to school and you will need to book a test:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If you have any difficulties in booking a test please get in touch with school and we will be able to help you.

The latest Government guidance for parents about schools re-opening can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term#attendance>

To begin with, school will feel like a different place and the way the school day works will feel strange for all of us. The changes we have put in place are to keep everyone as safe as possible and we will all soon adjust to them. The St. George's team of staff are always here for you and your children and together, I am confident we will get through this next phase of COVID-19 successfully.

If you have any queries or concerns before the start of term please phone or email and we will get in touch with you.

We would really appreciate it if you could take the time to complete a short survey so that we can use the information to help shape our approach in the first few days of term. The survey can be found here:

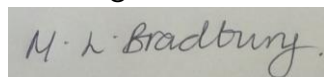


or by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=khJN9bT0yUKuwEstXEBmZKs5s7eeaYxCqftH-dn-MZJUNKFSR09FV0dZV0VSNENOSVc1RU1GSENERi4u>

We very much look forward to seeing you all again next Wednesday,

Kind regards,



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