



2nd September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so good having the children back in school – they have been so happy and it has been wonderful to see their smiling faces, hear their laughter and their voices. It has also been great seeing and catching up with you.

We are so proud of how the children have been in school today – they have demonstrated all of our school values – by being polite to all their friends and the adults, showing respect for other people, their resources and classrooms, being kind and compassionate towards one another and being really sensible and taking responsibility for following the new routines and hygiene controls. You can see from the photographs how quickly they have settled into the new arrangements!



Thank you to all of you for following all the new routines and sticking to the safety measures such as social distancing and quick drop-offs/exits from the school site so

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brilliantly today - it shows that [you share our commitment to keeping everyone in our St. George's family safe and that we really are a community that cares about the safety of others.](#) To those of you who got in touch in the days leading up to the start of term to ask questions and check things – we really appreciate you taking the time to make sure you were getting things 'right'!

We would just like to give everyone a quick reminder about the 8.35am – 8.45am drop off slot being for Years 3 and 4 and any younger siblings only. Also, there have been a few children in school today who have not had a water bottle with them – so could you all please make sure you send your children in with their own water bottle.

Some parents have made me aware of a message that is circulating via What's App which contains incorrect information about what would happen if a child became unwell with COVID symptoms in school. So I would just like to reassure you about what would happen if a child becomes unwell with COVID-19 symptoms on-site they should be brought to Mr Rivett's office where they would be isolated from other pupils. The window of the room would be open for ventilation and they would be supervised by a member of staff wearing PPE (gloves, apron, mask) whilst parents are contacted in order for them to be collected. When the child is collected their parents/carers will be advised of the procedure for getting tested. Only the main parents/carers will be allowed to collect the affected child.

Staffing update:

We are pleased to officially welcome two new members of staff to the St. George's team. Ms Davies is our new senior administrator and will be working with Mrs Jukes in the school office.

Mr Abbot has also joined us and will be teaching Tarragon Class; the mixed year 3 and 4 class. Mr Abbot will be a member of our senior leadership team and will be leading Maths across the school. Mr Abbot comes to us from Crabbs Cross Academy (one of the other schools in Endeavour Schools Trust) and over the last two years has already spent time at St. George's and knows our school well.

Miss Garrigues returned from maternity leave in May and from this term onwards she will be teaching Juniper class (Year 2).

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Dudding, who was covering Miss Garrigues maternity leave, is now teaching at Vaynor First School (also a member of Endeavour Schools Trust) and we all wish her every success in her new role.

Finally, I am also very pleased to let you know that Mrs Malone (our SENDCO) had a baby girl, called Poppy, in the middle of July. Mrs Malone will be on maternity leave



until May 2021. We will update you with further details about the arrangements for covering her role in due course.

Ordering school dinners and bookings for breakfast club and ParentPay:

We will be returning to the ParentPay system from Monday 7th September. Therefore, if you would like your child to have hot dinners from Monday 7th September could you please order them via the ParentPay system. Please note, even if your child is entitled to free school meals you will need to book lunches in advance.

We will be running Breakfast club again from 8am on Monday 7th September. If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club please book and pay via the ParentPay system. We will then contact you with further details about when and where to drop off your child.

Please note that all bookings via the ParentPay system for the week beginning 7th September need to be complete by 11pm on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

If you have any problems with the ParentPay system please phone the school office and a member of the admin team will be more than happy to help.

Cool Milk

Milk will be provided in school from Monday 7th September. For those of you who have already registered with the system please order and pay for your milk online using the Cool Milk system.

If you have any problems with the Cool Milk system please phone the school office and a member of the admin team will be more than happy to help.

Weekly updates:

We will be sending weekly updates every Monday. Your child will bring a paper copy of the letter home and we will also send you a text link to the letter on our website.

COVID-19 Family Agreement:

With this letter you will find an updated version of our COVID-19 Family Agreement. Could you please take the time to read it through and ensure that you follow all the points in this agreement.

Finally, thank you once again for all your lovely comments and words of appreciation. We are doing all that we can to keep you and your children safe at St. George's and are very, very grateful for your support.

With warmest wishes,

Marie Bradbury

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