

14th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We know that we share a lot of information via our weekly updates and there is a lot to take on board at the moment. To try and make it quicker and easier to keep up to speed, we are trialling making video versions of our updates and newsletters. [Please click here to access it!](#) We would be grateful if you have any feedback or comments about the video updates/newsletters – thank-you!

We also want to slim down and be more consistent in the way we communicate with you. **So, from now on we will try very hard to only send home letters, updates and forms home on a Monday or a Thursday.** This ties in with the days the children bring their book bags in to school or bring them home. We are hoping this will mean you get all the information you need. There may be occasions when we need to share urgent and important information on other days of the week so we will always send you a text message with a link to the right information on our website.

**So, here's a round of the news from St. George's this week:**

📌 **Your children are the most amazing people and you have clearly been great home teachers too!** Across Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 the children have settled in to their new classes and built good relationships with their new teachers and friends already. We are seeing children who are talking more confidently and clearly than they were before lockdown, excited about and enjoying their reading, making a real effort with their handwriting and presentation and using their maths knowledge too.

📌 **The 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new Reception and Nursery children went very well last week.** Our new Reception children are attending school on a full-time basis from today. The new Nursery children will also begin attending for their morning/afternoon/full-time sessions from today too.

📌 **We do still have places available in our Nursery, so if you know anyone who is looking for Nursery provision for their 3 or 4 year old, please let them know what is on offer at St. George's. More details are available on our website.**

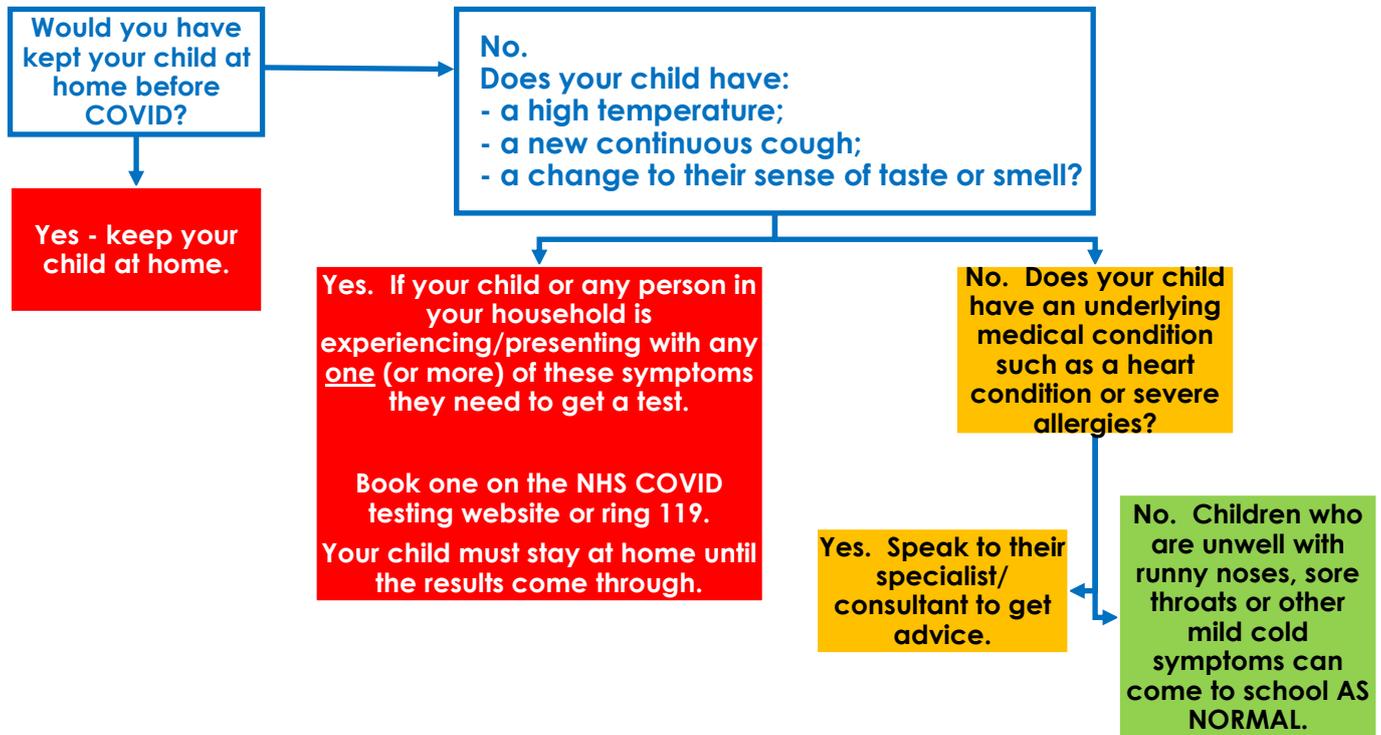
📌 **In the UK it is the law that you must make sure that any children in the vehicle you are driving are:**

- in the correct car seat for their height or weight
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or over 135cm tall

We have noticed a small number of children coming to school who are not in car seats or worse still, not wearing seatbelts. **Please remember that you can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving.**

📌 **Breakfast club is available from 8.00am until the start of the school day for all children from Reception to Year 4.** If you would like your child to attend please book places via ParentPay.

📌 **If your child is unwell it is difficult to decide whether they should come to school or not, particularly at the moment.** We have been receiving lots of phone calls from parents asking for our advice, which is great and we are more than happy to help. We have also put together this flow chart to help with your decision making:



📌 **ParentPay accounts** have been causing a few problems for some of you recently. If you are still having problems, please phone the school office and a member of our team can help out.

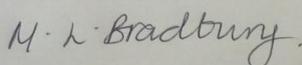


ParentPay tips:

- Your login is the email address you used when you set up your account;
- If you have forgotten your password, request a password reset;
- If you are using a mobile phone and trying to book school meals, you will need to scroll down to get to the green ordering boxes;
- If your child is now in Year 3 and you would like them to have a hot meal these will now need to be booked and paid for;
- If your child is entitled to free school meals and/or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, hot dinners will still need to be ordered;

📌 [Click here to find a list of diary dates we know about so far for this year.](#)

**We are very grateful for your support and co-operation with our safety measures – thank you!**



Marie Bradbury - Headteacher