

Thursday 11th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased with how the children have settled back into school life this week – it is like they have hardly been away! The children are also happy to be back – to play and learn with their friends. It has been great seeing them working so hard and so independently too. You have clearly done a great job of supporting them with their remote learning – so thank you once again for the encouragement and guidance you provided for them during January, February and the beginning of March.

Here are some quotes from our older children about being back in school:

“It’s great that I get to play and learn with my friends again!”

“It feels good because I am doing more English and Maths again and I like playing games with my friends.”

“I am really happy and excited because I see my friends and am getting back into my education!”

There are links to lots of other sources of information in the rest of this newsletter. It will be easier to follow the links if you access the letter via our school website: www.stgeorges.worcs.sch.uk

Lateral Flow Device Testing Kits:

You can get two home testing kits to use with your children. They are available to collect from the local testing site at Trescott Road Car Park (B98 7AH). You can collect these between 1pm and 8pm any day of the week. There is a useful video showing how to take the tests here: [\(250\) Department of Health and Social Care - YouTube](#)

Also, instructions for taking the test are available in English here: [COVID-19 rapid lateral flow home test kit instructions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and in some of the other languages spoken by our families too:

[Bengali](#)

[Gujarati](#)

[Polish](#)

[Punjabi](#)

[Romanian](#)

[Turkish](#)

[Urdu](#)

Thank you!

We really appreciate the way you are supporting us and helping to keep our school safe by wearing face masks when coming on to the school site, for following the one way system and the staggered drop off and pick up times.

Social Distancing at pick up time:

We have noticed that a small number of parents are getting very close to the classroom doors and to each other at pick up time. We have put cones around the classroom doors, please do not enter the area inside the cones at any time. This is to keep you, your child and our school staff safe.

Nursery and Reception teaching arrangements:

We are delighted that since school has re-opened fully to all pupils, we have had quite a number of new applications for places in Nursery and Reception. This has meant that we have needed to review our teaching arrangements. From Monday 15th March, Basil/Mrs Harley's class will be a mixed Reception and Nursery class and Chilli/Miss Kemp's class will be a straight Reception class.

Red and blue home learning journey books:

If your child has not yet returned their red and blue home learning journey books, please ensure they are back in school by Monday 15th March – thank you.



Comic Relief – Friday 19th March 2021:

We will be celebrating Comic Relief on Friday 19th March by asking everyone to wear odd socks for the day and to donate 50p.

We hope you enjoy the signs that spring is here and the sunny spells that our coming our way over the next few days.

Marie Bradbury

Headteacher