

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**WELCOME TO THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR AT ST. GEORGE'S!**

Wow! Wow! Wow! The children have been absolutely amazing today. They have remembered all the safety precautions we need to take to keep safe and well and been keen and eager to find out what the new year is going to bring. The children have responded well to reminders about the routines and expectations when they are in school.

It has been good to catch-up with some of you as well and share your news from the summer holidays. We would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope you will all have an enjoyable and happy time making new friends and getting involved in the life of our school. We really value the positive relationships we have with the parents and carers of our children and believe that these relationships support the learning and wider development of our pupils. As we open up our school more, there will be more people on site at any one time, so please remember to be kind and respectful to one another and to school staff. If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.

**COVID-19 safety measures:**

As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, our priority this year is to continue providing all our children with high quality, face to face learning opportunities and avoid any further disruption to their education. We would therefore appreciate your ongoing co-operation with the following measures:

- The one-way system around the school site, so that parents and children are minimising face to face contact with people that they would not normally meet on a day-to-day basis. Not only does this help to control the spread of infections, but it makes movement around the school site safer and more orderly for everyone.
- A 10 minute drop off window. All children can be dropped off between 8.35am and 8.45am. At the moment we do not have a collection 'window'. However, all staff will ensure the children are ready for collection promptly from 3.10pm. If we find that this system causes congestion or leads to groups of parents having to wait will review the situation and may introduce a 10-minute window to prevent this from happening.
- To ensure good ventilation, classroom windows will be opened at 7.15am each morning and external doors will be kept open whenever possible.

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- Handwashing will take place regularly throughout the school day. All children will wash their hands when they:
  - ☺ Arrive at school
  - ☺ Before and after break time
  - ☺ Before and after they eat
  - ☺ Before they leave school

Furthermore, if children cough or sneeze, they will also need to wash their hands.

- The toilets and sinks will be cleaned during the school day and the bins will be emptied too. Tabletops in the classrooms and touch points will be cleaned with anti-bacterial spray/wipes throughout the school day.
- Instead of class 'bubbles' we will now operate in key stage bubbles – this will be bubbles of Nursery and Reception children, Year 1 and 2 children and Year 3 and 4 children. The key stage bubbles will be kept separate throughout the day, including breaks and lunchtimes. They will be together during assemblies however they will be approximately 2 metres apart during collective worship times.
- All staff take Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) on a Sunday and a Wednesday evening. This will continue to at least the end of September, when it will be reviewed by the DfE.
- Ensuring children returning to school after the holidays follow the restrictions required if they have visited 'red' or 'amber' list countries.
- A vigilant approach to the signs and symptoms of infections generally, particularly symptoms associated with COVID-19, respiratory infections, seasonal flu and stomach infection. This is to avoid multiple infections circulating within our school community. This means that we may have to advise you to that your child should not attend school in order to reduce the risk to other pupils and their families and to staff.
- If they have not already been vaccinated, all staff are encouraged to get vaccinated. This will help to ensure staff are safe, well and able to deliver on-site, high quality, face to face education to our children. If staff are unable to be on-site and they are well enough to do so, they will provide high quality remote learning opportunities or other members of the staff team will deliver these opportunities instead.

These approaches are in line with legislation, DfE guidance and Worcestershire Children's First guidance.

### **Attendance at school:**

School attendance is a legal requirement for all pupils, in the term following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. One of our priorities is to ensure that as many children as possible attend school on a regular basis. At St. George's we aim for all our pupils to have an average of 97% attendance, which allows for the odd occasion when children are too poorly to come to school.

If your child is unwell, and unable to come to school it is important that you let us know as soon as possible. The school phone number is 01527 62263 and our email address is: [office@sgf.endeavourschools.org](mailto:office@sgf.endeavourschools.org)

If we have not received a message shortly after 9.00am we begin our 'first day calling' procedure which involves phonecalls to all the named contacts for your child, this is then followed up with text messages and emails.

When a child or children are not in school, we miss them and we worry about them. So, if we do not hear back from our text messages, phonecalls or emails we undertake home visits to ensure children are safe and well.

### **ParentPay:**

We are sorry for the problems that you have been experiencing with ParentPay. We will ensure school dinners are available to all children who require them this week. We are seeking to solve the problems by Thursday in preparation for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. School dinners cost £2.20 a day and the menu is attached to this letter.

### **PE Days:**

On PE Days children wear their PE kits to school.

Basil (Mrs Harley) and Chilli (Mrs Webb) have PE on Thursdays

Chive class (Mrs Browning) have PE on Mondays and Thursdays

Elderflower class (Mrs Evans) have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays

Juniper class (Miss Garrigues) have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays

Peppermint class (Miss Payne) have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays

Tarragon class (Mr Abbott) have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays

Thyme class (Miss Haines) have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday

We very much hope you all have a great week,

kindest regards,

Marie Bradbury





### School Menu – Autumn Term 2021

3 Week Cycle	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week One</b>  <b>W/C</b> 6.9.21 27.9.21 18.10.21 15.11.21 6.12.21	Home Made Beef Burger or Vegetable Burger With Seasonal Vegetables  Crumble & Custard	Chicken Curry or Vegetable Curry With Seasonal Vegetables  Flap Jack	Roast of the Day or Cheese & Tomato Pin Wheels With Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes  Chocolate Whip	Cottage Pie or Vegetable Pasta Bake With Seasonal Vegetables  Iced Cake	Oven Baked Fish Fingers With Chips & Beans or Vegetables  Icecream
<b>Week Two</b>  <b>W/C</b> 13.9.21 4.10.21 1.11.21 22.11.21 13.12.21	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Salmon Bites With Seasonal Vegetables  Flap Jack	Beef Bolognaise or Quorn Bolognaise With Seasonal Vegetables  Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day or Tuna Pasta Bake With Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes  Jelly & Mousse	Hot Dog or Quorn Dog With Baked beans or Vegetables  Cheese, Crackers & Fruit	Chicken Nuggets or Vegetable Nuggets With Chips & Vegetables  Chocolate Crispy Cake
<b>Week Three</b>  <b>W/C</b> 20.9.21 11.10.21 8.11.21 29.11.21	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings or Tuna Pasta Bake With Seasonal Vegetables  Marble Cake	Sausage in Yorkshire Pudding or Quorn Sausage in Yorkshire Pudding With Seasonal Vegetables  Gingerbread Men	Roast of the day or Cheese & Potato Pie With Seasonal Vegetables & Roast Potatoes  Jelly	Mince Beef Cheat or Macaroni Cheese With Seasonal Vegetables  Chocolate Cake & Pink Custard	Oven Baked Fish Stars With Chips & Beans or Vegetables  Frozen Yoghurt

*A selection of fresh salad, homemade coleslaw, couscous, bread and pasta, fresh fruit and homemade yoghurt available each day from the salad bar. Fresh chilled drinking water will be available daily.*