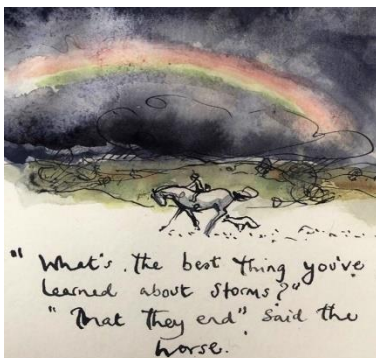


Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the reopening of school on **Monday 8th March** we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils. The whole school community once again has faced many challenges that we could never have imagined. With hard work, determination and resilience from the whole school community, you as parents, grandparents, the pupils, dedicated governors, fantastic staff and parish have allowed school to continue to provide a sense of routine and structure, high quality provision in terms of teaching and learning and wellbeing whether at home or in the school building.



We continue to be guided by NPCAT and will continue to follow government guidance. In order to manage effectively the risks that remain, this letter outlines some of the changes and protective measures the government is asking schools to put in place to ensure the safety of all. We appreciate that this may be an anxious time but rest assured we are doing everything possible to keep everyone safe. We are here if you have any queries or concerns – please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please read the following information carefully in order to understand the measures and expectations to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. As always, systems and protocols will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

Organisation of Classes:

All classes will be organised and operate in class hubs. Classrooms have been altered in terms of furniture – desks may be in rows in Key Stage Two where possible. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered throughout the day for each class hub. Pupils will be assigned their own toilet areas and hand washing facilities. Toilet areas will be monitored by staff and stringent handwashing and hygiene measures will be in place throughout the day.

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Staggered arrival and departure times:



With such a large school of over 400 pupils and their families, our main priority is keeping you all safe when we welcome and dismiss children on our school site. There will continue to be specific arrival and departure times. Staggering these times will continue to help to ease congestion and keep you safe. Please try to follow the times as closely as possible.

Please can all parents and carers ensure that the following happens so that the school / playground remains a safe place during these times:

- Arrive at the designated time/s for your child/s class
- Only 1 adult to enter the playground per family to collect children
- Supervise your children - please do not let them wander and play with other children from other class bubbles
- Once you have collected your children, leave the area following the one-way system.
- Remember to adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- As a school, we strongly advise that face coverings are to be worn when entering and exiting the school premises.

Please see below for a reminder of start and finish times as well as entry and collection points.

Year Group	Entrance Point	Entry Time	Exit Point	Exit Time
Nursery (Morning Session)	Nursery entrance	8.20am	Nursery entrance	11.20am
Nursery (Afternoon Session)	Nursery entrance	12.20pm	Nursery entrance	3.20pm
Reception	Enter school via the brown gate between church and the curial office	8.45am – 9.00am	Nursery entrance	2.30pm – 2.45pm

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Family Bubble (Reception to Year 6)	Enter school via the brown gate between church and the curial office	8.30am – 8.45am	Wait at the brown gate between church gate and curial office. Exit school near the caretaker's house	2.45pm – 3.00pm.
Year One	Nursery entrance	8.35am – 8.45am.	Nursery entrance	2.45pm – 2.55pm
Year Two	Nursery entrance	8.45am – 8.55am	Nursery entrance	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year Three / Four	Enter school via the brown gate between church and the curial office	8.45am – 8.55am	Wait at the brown gate between church gate and curial office. Exit school near the caretaker's house.	3.00pm – 3.10pm
Year Five / Six	Enter school via the brown gate between church and the curial office	8.55am – 9.00am.	Wait at the brown gate between church gate and curial office. Exit school near the caretaker's house.	3.10pm – 3.20pm

Sickness and Attendance



Attendance from 8th March will be mandatory. This means that the legal duty on parents of children of compulsory school age will apply. It is vital that children return to school as quickly as possible for their educational progress, wellbeing and wider development. The attendance of each child will be monitored.

Children will undoubtedly become unwell with sickness not related to COVID-19. However, if your child displays COVID-19 symptoms - has a new continuous cough or a fever, or a loss of - or change in - their sense of smell or taste, they may have coronavirus. Your child should stay at home, isolate for at least **10 days** and **must be tested**. Other members of your household including siblings should also self-isolate for **10 days** from the point when your child first shows symptoms.

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The best advice here is that if you are unsure, contact 111 for advice or to arrange a test. We will inform parents and carers if there are any positive cases in school. Therefore, it is vital that we have up to date contact details - phone numbers and email addresses. Where classes may have to isolate, remote education will take place via Google classroom.

If your child is absent from school with Covid-19 symptoms or needing to isolate, a code will be entered into the register and this will not affect their overall attendance. We do ask for proof of test outcomes and track and trace alerts. Our children have missed enough time in school and it is vital that they are in school each day providing they are fit and well.

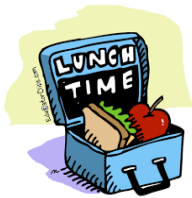
Bubble Collapse and Isolation Procedures



In the event that a positive case is discovered in school, we will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England. Parents will be sent an email notification clearly stating whether their child has to isolate or attend school as normal. Please note that we can only do this as soon as we receive notification of a positive test result in school. You will appreciate that we cannot disclose whether the positive case was a pupil or member of staff.

Children who are isolating must remain at home and not go out in public. They will receive their teaching and learning through our Google Classroom.

School Lunches



The full school menu is available for children and can be viewed on our website. Pupils in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One will continue to eat their lunch in the school dining hall. Times for these class hubs will be staggered, in order to allow for the disinfecting of tables in between sittings. As part of their lunch time, children will also have an allocated time on the playground to socialise in their class hubs. Pupils in Key Stage Two will continue to eat their lunch in their classrooms. They will also have allocated time for playing outdoors – this will reduce the numbers of pupils in the playground and enable the children to keep within their class hubs. If your child usually brings their own packed lunch, they can continue with this arrangement. Please make sure that their lunchbox is clearly labelled with their name and year group. Lunch boxes must go home at the end of each school day. If you pay for school meals, you can use parentpay to pay for school dinners.

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Breakfast Afterschool Club:



As you are aware, Breakfast and After School Club has been available since September and sessions are held in the School Hall. The children will continue to be separated into their class bubbles in order to remain in line with current guidelines. Children attending Breakfast Club are to be brought through the brown gate to the side entrance of the school hall, where a member of staff will be available to sign them in. For children attending Afterschool Club - when collecting children from Afterschool, you are required to ring the Afterschool Mobile (07597351477) when you arrive at the school gate. A member of staff will then bring your child / children out to you.

Parking:



Please do not park along double lines or block resident's driveways when dropping off or collecting your children. Please also remember not to park in the Curial Office as this is a private car park. There is ample parking for parents situated at the Little Theatre.

Contact with School:



All contact with school continues to be via telephone and email. Please adhere to all measures in place, particularly with regard to drop off and collection times. Please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details and that you are able to be contacted throughout the day. Parents must not enter the school building unless invited or an appointment has been made. If you do need to come into the main entrance, we ask that only one adult at a time enter the school building and that a face covering is worn.

Curriculum Planning:



We will continue to provide a challenging and personalised curriculum in all subjects in order to support the needs of our pupils and address the gaps as a result of lockdown. School curriculum planning will be adapted to ensure that all pupils' individual needs are met. Long term planning could include the previous term's objectives to embed the key skills and knowledge and understanding of the previous term's end of year objectives. As part of Curriculum in St Edward's, we will focus on social and emotional aspects of returning to school; it deals with physical activity and equips pupils with the coping

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strategies they need for dealing with a very different term than they were used to. Details of our Curriculum are available on the website.

School uniform requirements and items from home:



Children are required to wear their uniform when they return to school. A full PE kit will be needed. Further details relating to PE days for specific years groups will follow. Ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day. This will need to be taken home with them at the end of each school day. School will provide each pupil with individual stationery packs. Therefore, children will not need to bring in their own pencil cases or stationery.

Finally . . .



Can we just say a huge thank you to all of you for your remarkable support and patience during this challenging time. Your commitment to supporting the school throughout this unprecedented situation has been phenomenal. With regards to remote education, your partnership with us has been vital in ensuring the continued education of your children. We know this may have been difficult at times (juggling home life, work and remote education) as all of our experiences of lockdown have been unique to our own families and you have all faced many challenges of your own. Genuinely, a heart felt thank you to all involved who have helped the school community to continue to flourish.

Best wishes,
Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Fox

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