

# All Saints' Catholic Primary School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021

Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope you have had a lovely summer filled with some fun and relaxation. We cannot wait to see the children back in school on Monday; hopefully they are excited and feeling positive about the new year. I am writing to remind you of the plans in place regarding the transmission of coronavirus and to outline any updates. Governmental advice from the Department for Education explains that if your child tests positive, they will need to isolate for a period of ten days. Please continue to notify us, in all instances, if your child is absent.

Close contacts do not have to isolate therefore, for the beginning of term, the bubble system will not be in place. Last year's system was designed to limit the number of children in contact with one another. Schools are no longer responsible for identifying close contacts; if a child or staff member tests positive, we are no longer required to send those who have been a close contact home. Close contacts may be contacted by NHS Test & Trace and it will be recommended that any close contacts seek a PCR test. Whilst waiting for the results of the test, close contacts will not need to self-isolate. If the test returns positive, a period of ten days self-isolation will begin.

If a child or staff member displays symptoms in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect your child. At that point, you will be required to follow the Stay at Home guidance from Public Health England and organise a test. Your child cannot return to school, even if they are feeling better, until they receive confirmation of a negative test. If a child has a positive result and therefore needs to isolate, they will be provided with a pack of work to complete if they are able to however there will be no pressure placed on families to complete work if their child is feeling unwell.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that primary-aged pupils are should not be undertaking LFD tests at home. Parents/Carers of Primary age pupils presenting with symptoms of coronavirus are advised to take them for a PCR test.

All schools are required to have an Outbreak Management Plan in place. If there are large numbers of people in school with the virus at one time, we may request that adults wear masks, implement the bubble system again, reduce opportunities for face to face contact or resume online learning. All additional measures will be implemented following consultation with the relevant authorities. Hopefully we will not get to this stage but I wanted you to be aware of the plan in place. I will keep you informed at every stage, please be assured of that.

For Monday, here is a reminder of the routines in place:



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\*children should wear their full uniform. You will receive a text today with your child's allocated P.E. day. Please continue to send your child into school wearing their kit – this has been a great success!

\*all children should enter school via the school office. Children can be dropped off between 8.45 – 8.55am. Please do not send your child to school earlier than this unless you are accessing Breakfast Club

\*at the end of the school day, classes will be brought up to the top yard by staff and the pupils will be handed over. Please stand at the end of the yard nearest to the carpark. The children will come out between 3.10pm and 3.15pm. If it is a wet day, pupils can be collected from the lower yard nearer to the classroom doors

\*new reception children should be dropped off at 9am on Monday and Tuesday at the office. They will be welcomed by their new teachers. From Wednesday they should be dropped off at the same time as other pupils in school 8.45-8.55am. For the first fortnight they should be collected at 3pm from the top yard

\*staff may choose to wear masks. I would like to ask all adults to consider wearing a mask, particularly in areas of high footfall

\*children will continue to access the toilet with a 'toilet pass', they will also continue to be encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and we will continue to use hand sanitizer in school

\*ventilation continues to be one of the main defences we have in school. We will open windows/doors when the children are not in class (breaks, lunch etc.)

\*initially, worships and assemblies will remain online. We would like to settle the children into school first and see how things progress before putting all children into the hall at once. All lunches however, will be eaten in the hall with classes having a staggered entry

\*as previously outlined, we are implementing some changes to the times, position and supervision surrounding breaks and lunchtime following positive results from last year – please remember children will be able to access the field if they have wellies and children in Years Three – Six will be running a mile each day too!

\*Teatime Club will continue to run (again, booking and charging remains the same) but we expect extracurricular clubs will start after half term – more information to follow!

\*finally, please can I remind you that we are a nut-free school. All children in Reception Class, Year One & Year Two will continue to receive a piece of fruit every day as a snack. For children in Key Stage Two, please make sure that any snacks for breaktime are healthy and school packed lunches are balanced – chocolate bars, sweets and juice, as well as nuts, are not permitted.

I believe that many of you may be feeling anxious and apprehensive about the beginning of the school year and the new rules in place. I understand completely. I would like to reassure you that all staff in school are here to support you and will continue to work tirelessly for our pupils. Let's hope that we can begin the year with some sense of normality and routine. I believe that we will be able to



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overcome any obstacles in our way with clear communication and understanding. As always, if you have anything to ask or if you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

*F. Stephenson*

Mrs. F. Stephenson

