

All Saints Marsh C of E Academy

Key Information for returning to school in September 2020

There are certain approaches that the government has asked schools to implement which are essential to reduce health risks. **Parents and carers will be asked to:**

- Ensure that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who lives with someone who is showing symptoms, does not attend school - this means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you should not send them to school.
- Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken, this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform school of the results of that test.

Preparation in School

Bubbles:

Children will be in Key Stage 'Bubbles' when they return to school:

- The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children in Forde and Bradley classes will be in the **EYFS / Key Stage 1 Bubble**.
- The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children in Courtenay and Templar classes will be in the **Key Stage 2 Bubble**.

Children will spend the majority of the day with their class and only join the other class in their bubble during break and lunch times (rather than as the whole school). They will be with their class teacher for the majority of time with support from a teaching assistant, changes of adults will be kept to a minimum. We will not be coming together as a whole school, therefore Assemblies will be held virtually using webcams to see each class. Children (and staff) have very much enjoyed these over the past month as it means we are connecting together as a whole school throughout the week.

Drop off and pick up will be different to normal:

Social Distancing is still an expectation and a something that we all need to be doing to keep one another safe, to support this, we will continue to use the separate entrances for each bubble.

- Younger children in Forde and Bradley in the **EYFS / Key Stage 1 Bubble** will continue to use the back door to be able to walk straight into their classrooms.
- Older children in Courtenay and Templar in the **Key Stage 2 Bubble** will use the front gate and again walk straight to their classrooms using the Courtenay door or the front door into school.
- We will have a one way drop off system operating approaching from the car park end of the street and continuing past the school as your child goes to school.
- To make sure we do not have a long queue of parents waiting we will stagger the start time to **arrive between 8.30 and 8.50**. If you don't need to drop off at 8.30 for work purposes please come later in the time allocated to avoid congestion.



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- Please ensure only one adult from your family comes to drop off/pick up children.
- Members of staff will be outside school at the start of the day to support this and we ask that you ensure you are socially distancing at this time.
- Forde class will finish at 2.45, Courtenay and Bradley at 3.00 and Templar at 3.15.

Please show kindness to school staff, they will work as quickly as they can at home time, all parents can help by coming at the correct time for collecting their child and not arriving early.

Lunches:

To support social distancing within school and minimise the numbers of children mixing together, there are a few changes for lunch times.

- School lunches will be delivered in special 'take away style' containers to children to eat within their own classrooms. Children will wash their hands and classrooms will be cleaned before children eat their lunch.
- If you are not having a school lunch you must provide a packed lunch.
- Parents are encouraged to pre-order school lunches via Edu Spot at home to save time in class.
- Children will stay with their class during this time and not mix with other classes.
- Children will then have a dedicated slot for outdoor play and will only join the other class from their bubble for this.

Belongings & uniforms:

- Children's uniforms will include school shoes, as normal.
- School bags will not be permitted in September (this is the same as we have currently) and we ask that your child only bring minimal items to school - coat, water bottle, sunhat (if required) and a packed lunch if not having a school lunch.
- Reading Books, we know how vital reading is and getting back into everyone reading will be a key priority. Children will be given a reading book by their teacher and they may bring this home and return once they have finished reading it (the book will be put aside for 72hrs before it is allocated again).
- PE Kits - we will write to you again in September to let you know when to bring in PE kits but they will not be required for the first week as children settle into school.

Cleaning and Handwashing:

- There will continue to be a rigorous cleaning and regular handwashing in school. Children will have be given hand sanitiser as they enter and leave school each day. Further details of cleaning, handwashing and other infection control measures are in the Risk Assessment.

Changes to Circumstances:

Because we have not been in school, we may not be aware if any circumstances have changed for your child, such as:

- moving house,
- the birth of new baby or other siblings moving in or out
- family separation,
- bereavement,

- ill health (physical or mental health),
- change in your own employment which may impact on your child.

Please do let us know via the school office or member of school staff, if there are any changes or anything affecting the health or welfare of your child. This will greatly support us in helping your child return to school in September. Remember we are here for you to and may be able to offer support or recommend other support if you need it.

Before and After School Care:

To ensure that we comply with Government Guidance and to keep us all safe we will unfortunately not be able to run after school care initially in September. We do not have the staffing and space to open up to both bubbles and also have the support needed in school to keep children safe on a day to day basis.

We will be able to provide some **before school care** that will run from **8 - 8.30**. Please note we are unable to provide food but children may bring their own snack. The cost for this will be £1.50 and there will be 8 places available so that we have a 'small consistent group' to comply with the Government guidance. To enable us to do this, children cannot be booked on a part time basis and take up a place for just a few days a week, we also understand that not everyone needs full time. Therefore:

- Children must be booked in for at least 4 out of 5 days of the week via School Money - places must be booked **2 weeks in advance**. Places are on a first come first served basis and booking will go live at 3pm on Friday 17th July.
- Children in before school care will be in a small consistent group bubble but may be from both bubbles across the school. Therefore, we will be asking children in Y2 and up to socially distance.
- We will use the booking system as a register for Track and Trace should we need to use this. No child will be able to join if they have not been booked 2 weeks in advance.

Positive Behaviour Policy Annex is attached for you to read with your child:

- To support all within school to feel safe and settled, our Positive Behaviour Policy has an annex which reflects the current measures in school e.g. expectation of children to not touch others.
- This is a key expectation from the Government and I'd like to assure all parents that this will be rigorously implemented and will need your support with this.
- We will be talking this through with the children from the first day back and this will be a key part of our Worship and values work, which will be regularly revisited.
- There will be clear posters in classrooms to remind children of the expectations and teachers will be using tools such as visual timetables and 'brain breaks' to support children getting back into their routines.
- It is essential that all parents take time to talk through these new expectations with their children before their return in September so they know what will be in place, including the consequences. This is to keep us all safe within our school community and parents will need to support this.

Helping to prepare your child for school:

- Talk to your child about what it is going to be like going back. Help them prepare for staying in class and the possibility that they will not see all of their friends.
- Talk to your child about social distancing from adults and other children. It is going to be really hard to see their friend and not fling their arms around them. Children will return to their classmates but there will be set seating arrangements for Year 2 and over.
- Help your child be informed about the virus and the hygiene measures. Resources can be found here <https://www.e-bug.eu/>.
- Talk to your child about their behaviour in school. They will need to follow our school behaviour policy (attached). They cannot run off if they become frustrated, they need to stay in their class for the safety of themselves and others.
- Prepare your child for saying goodbye to you at the door or gate. Young children may find this hard; talk to them about what it is going to look like. Our video will help and class teachers/leaders are always on hand.
- We ask parents to adhere to the drop off and entry systems we put in place; we need to keep you all moving. Please do not congregate with other parents, even at a 2m distance as it will prevent us getting children into school safely.
- Help us keep school safe by observing the measures in place and staying up to date with communication. Please do not congregate with friends at the park and apply the government guidance.
- If your child shows symptoms, let us know. They need to isolate for 7 days and the entire family should isolate for 14 days. Please all engage in Track and Trace.

Track and Trace:

A key part of all our lives now is ensuring we take part in the NHS Track and Trace service. It is an expectation of all who attend school, pupils and staff, to follow this policy should they or family member have a positive test or be contacted by the NHE Track and Trace. Please familiarise yourself with the NHS Track and Trace service and ensure you follow this advice if you or your child displays any symptoms of Coronavirus. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

Keeping Children Safe:

The Government has released further information to parents about keeping children safe, including online. This is in recognition that children and young people may be experiencing particular difficulties, including with their mental health. This information really is very valuable as a parent and I would encourage all parents to read the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

The Government has issued guidance for parents regarding schools opening fully in September and the link is here so that you can review this too..

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1o9xdCCyHN6HjeHulQor3mmgAIK0jGvOLNncxaOYxQIc/edit?ts=5f0c2530&pli=1>