



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 11th September 2020

Dear All,

I don't know about the children but I do know I am shattered after the first week back!!! It has been lovely though and I cannot stress enough about how impressed I am by the way our pupils have settled back into school life and adapted to the changes we have had to make: amazing.

Welcome to our new reception pupils. I have been delighted to see how quickly they are adapting to school life and have been thrilled with the vibrancy they have brought to our community. It is remarkable how quickly they become independent and pick up classroom routines. This week we also extended a warm welcome to Grace in Year 1, Adam in Year 2 and Finley and Imogen in Year 4 – they are all already proving to be terrific pupils.

Because the vast majority of us are respecting social distancing guidelines on school grounds, I have decided that (providing things do not change in Dorset) from Monday 21st September, the whole school will start at 8:45am and that the staggered finish will be at 3:20pm for Diamonds and Topaz (and their siblings) and at 3:30pm for Ruby and Sapphire pupils. I will elaborate on these details in a letter next week.

I am very much looking forward to getting the swimming pool back in action; if your child is in Year 1 – 6, please do remember their swimming kit on the correct day next week.

Just to let you know, as an additional safety net, we will be taking the temperatures of the children (and staff) once a day as well as when they are feeling unwell. We are using a forehead thermometer and any pupil registering a high temperature will be rechecked at least 3 times before we contact families.

School photos are taking place on Thursday next week. Unlike previous years, to maintain 'bubble' consistency within school, sadly we will not be having sibling photos this year.

I am sure you are aware that there are some coughs and sniffles starting to appear (as they do at every year at this time). A sniffle does not mean that you or your child has COVID-19. Please remember that there are only 3 symptoms we are looking for as far as COVID-19 is concerned. These are:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature or fever
- A loss, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

Any pupil displaying these symptoms will have to self-isolate for 14 days or until they have a negative test result. Please do work with on this because the health of the whole school community depends on the integrity of all.

Please see attached for information about a 'COVID cough' and also fever symptoms.

If you have any worries, queries or concerns, please do get in touch.

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Headteacher