



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 09th September 2020

Dear All,

At last we are here! After nearly 6 months, we are on the eve of returning to school, as near to normal as we can (safely). I have to say that our staff are extremely excited and looking forward to the challenges that the new academic year brings.

I felt it wise to use this opportunity to remind you of some temporary procedures and to also pass on a few other detail about how we will be operating until guidelines are further relaxed. Needless to say we will be adhering to the following:

- A requirement that anyone pupil or member of staff who is ill should stay at home and communicate this illness to the school
- Robust hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Formal consideration on how to reduce contact between groups so far as is reasonably practicable.

On return to school we will be focusing on the mental health and well-being of our pupils. We are all too aware that many pupils have found the period of lockdown very difficult and we will be there to support our children through the ups and downs of returning to school.

Any Signs and Symptoms of Coronavirus

If any child or member of staff shows signs or symptoms of having coronavirus, they will be immediately isolated with a member of staff. They will not be able to return to school until they have a clear test result. We will take immediate advice from the Public Health England about the next steps. This may result in isolation of other pupils / members of staff.

Timings

As you know, we are staggering start and finish times to reduce contact between classes (bubbles). **For those of you with more than one child coming into school, please use the latest drop off time and the earliest pick up times from the relevant part of the table below.** To make things smoother, please feel free to use the school drive to drop off pupils directly from your car, a member of staff will be outside to greet them.

At drop off and pick up. Please follow the current social distancing guidelines.

I have been asked to encourage as many of you as possible to walk/ride to school. Please only do this if it is safe.

	Diamond and Topaz Classes	Ruby Class	Sapphire Class
DROP OFF	8:45	9:00	9:15
PICK UP	3:00	3:15	3:30
LOCATION	Use side gate by court. (New Parents may bring the children to the classroom entrance for the first few weeks)	Use KS2 Pupil Entrance	Use Sapphire Fire Door Entrance

Naturally, timings for those travelling by bus will be dictated by the bus times.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Breakfast Club will be running from 7:45 – 9:15am. This can be booked through Sims Pay or booking form (please see Lou if you are having difficulty). The changes to timings is to accommodate the later start for some year groups. Breakfast will not be served after 8:25am.

After School Club will run from 3pm – 4:30pm. You will receive list of activities for the first half term; it can also be viewed on the school website. Again this can also be used for parents who are unable to pick up at the amended times.

Drop off for Breakfast Club is via the main school entrance and pick up from After School Club will be from the double gates adjacent to the swimming pool. Social distancing will happen in Breakfast and Afterschool club where possible.

Drinks Bottles

Do please ensure that your child has a full water bottle with them every morning.

Uniform / Bags ...

Pupils will be back in school uniform in September. They will also need the correct school PE kit in a dedicated bag (please do make these the draw string type as we have limited space). This bag can stay at school through the half term – unless staff believe it requires washing. In an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus, please do ensure that pupils have clean uniforms each day.

Classrooms

Each bubble will use their own classroom(s). There will be some small groups working in the library and this area will be sanitised between each session.

Break and Lunch

Hot meals will be eaten in the Hall with the three bubbles sitting in separate area. KS2 pupils not eating the hot meal will be eating their packed meals in their classrooms. Class breaks will be in discrete outside areas which will be rotated each week. Please ensure that lunch boxes are cleaned daily.

Worship and Whole School Events

There will be no whole school events or gatherings until restrictions are relaxed further. Worship will be conducted within classes / bubbles.

Swimming

In the first half of the Autumn Term, pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 will be swimming one afternoon a week. This will start in the second week of term (WC 14th Sept). Please ensure that your children have their swimming kit on the correct days (including swim hats). Further instructions will follow.

Mondays – Sapphire Class

Tuesdays – Year 1 & 2

Thursdays – Ruby Class

Reading

We are really pleased to have lots of new reading books in school which children will be bringing home for their home reading. As always, please record when a child has read to you in their reading records. For key stage 2 children, they may record their own reading, rather than depend on an adult to record this. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of sharing books with your child/children as well as listening to them read in ALL year groups, not just for our younger children.

Due to our new book purchase, children will be assessed in their first 2 weeks back in school, so you may not find they come home with a reading book on their first day. Please bear with us, it is important that we re-assess each child and ensure they are reading a book that is right for them. Our coloured scheme and where our books are now stored has also changed, so again please do not feel concerned if a child comes home with a coloured book that they



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may have already read, as our books are now progressive and re-organised in line with phonics and the national curriculum.

Based on new training and guidelines, you will also find that your child will most likely have two reading books. Reading is a complex skill to master and so one book will be a book to support their progression in phonics, therefore it will be a book that they will be decoding words and recognising high frequency words. It will be expected that they are sounding out and not recognising words automatically. Their second book may be a book they have already read for decoding or a less challenging book to enable your child to focus on reading fluently (by this we mean not necessarily reading fast but varying their expression and volume to match the interpretation of the passage being read, reading clauses with appropriate pauses, using self-correction independently and having an even, conversational reading rhythm). Re-reading a book is so valuable when teaching and learning how to read fluently as well as focusing on comprehension questions.

Please do note down your 'book talk' in the reading record as we would love to hear your discussions about characters actions or facts they can recall when discussing what they have read. If you would like some example of questions to ask your child about their reading books, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher and they can give you a prompt sheet to help with supporting your child's reading journey at home.

When a book is returned they will go into quarantine; please be rest assured that we are following government guidelines to ensure we all remain safe during these different times.

Finally

The measures mentioned above are to support the continued well-being of the pupils, families and staff at our school. I very much look forward to seeing you next week.

Nigel Roberts
Headteacher