



St. John's CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I know you are aware there is much discussion and news regarding school closures both locally and nationally and I want to let you know that at this time St John's will be open as usual tomorrow morning- Tuesday 5th January. **If anything changes we will send you more up to date information as we find out via text and email.** We are very much looking forward to welcoming children back into school after the Christmas break.

As we are all aware restrictions have not yet relaxed and we find ourselves in a situation where it is very important that we remain vigilant and adhere to our local guidance. Here is a summary of current protective measures that we have in place at school and expectations that we all adhere to these;

School Measures:

- Each class remains in it's own bubble with their own designated area/time for break and lunchtimes
- Each bubble has designated toilets that they use
- Staff are predominantly assigned to one class, a small number of staff do work across more than one bubble but this has been risk assessed and staff will be wearing PPE in these situations for the protection of themselves and others
- All children participate in a structured routine of handwashing at key times of the day
- Staff are social distancing and wearing protective face coverings in all communal areas
- Classrooms have personalised classroom equipment and all equipment is washable/wipeable
- Any shared equipment is cleaned/quarantined before being used by another class
- Pupils in KS1 and KS2 have designated places to sit in their classrooms and face the front of the class
- We continue to have no large gatherings
- Staggered start and finish times will continue during spring term
- If a child displays any of the following symptoms- a persistent cough/high temperature/loss of taste or smell parents will be contacted and asked to arrange a COVID test for their child

Expectations for Parents:

- Use staggered start and finish times- please arrive just before start time and pick up and leave the school site promptly. One parent per family to drop off/collect on site please
- Please ensure that you do not gather socially with other parents/carers in groups before or after pick up times
- Adhere to the one way system
- All adults on site to wear face masks or protective face coverings
- Parents/carers to support home learning if child is self-isolating
- Parents/carers to inform school straight away of any suspected or confirmed COVID cases, including the results of any COVID tests

Start and End Times

Start and finish times will be the same as last term although we will be asking that reception children now arrive at 8.50am. Reception parents will be expected to say goodbye to their child at the top of the steps and to collect from the top of the steps at the end of the day. **Please do not come down to the gate** so that we can ensure that there is enough social distancing between yourselves and the reception staff.

I will write again this week as I receive further updates and can share more information with you.

With best wishes at this time,

Amanda Aze
Head teacher