

# St. George's Primary School

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Dear Parents

As you read in my last Newsletter, the time has arrived when the Government have told schools to welcome back Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Sadly, this has been an emotionally challenging time for parents, Headteachers and staff.

I cannot reassure you enough, that school will be very different to how it was before, and if you choose to keep your child/children at home, I support your decision. **No action will be taken – the choice is yours.**

Home Learning will continue as before. I am at my maximum capacity to have any other keyworkers' children. If numbers increase, it could impact on Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 capacity in school.

If your child is not in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, please could you try everything in your power to avoid child minding at school if you are a keyworker.

It has been a difficult decision to enforce school opening on **June 10<sup>th</sup>** for pupils in the selected year groups. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June are closed to all pupils including keyworker children to enable us to fully prepare for welcoming back the children on Wednesday.

The Risk Assessments and organisation involved has indeed been a huge challenge to create Social Distancing for children as young as 5 years old.

As stated before, school will be very different and the stringent rules from the DFE will mean a huge change for our pupils.

Children will need to understand from the onset that we are working alongside a worldwide viral outbreak. Handwashing and social distancing will play a large part of the safety within St George's Primary School.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, along with current keyworker children will be collected to go to their designated room and adults.

Parents will not be allowed beyond the usual drop off area and we ask that only **one parent** takes their child and collects them from school.

Other than staff and pupils, we cannot allow any visitors or parents on the premises. This is to avoid cross contamination and it is important that your child has everything he/she needs at the start of the day.

The office staff will not allow anybody than those mentioned on the school premises. Any **urgent** queries, please phone the office only.

## **LUNCHTIMES**

Children who are currently having Universal Free School Meals for Reception and Year 1 and Year 6 and Keyworker pupils who are in receipt of a Free School Meal Award will have a packed lunch given to them at 1.00 pm. (Please see Mrs Mintern's email on ordering) **ALL** children will have an extended session from the start of the day until 1.00 pm when they all go home.

Keyworkers' children will remain in school for their lunch however, if parents could collect their children at 1.00 pm along with the other children, it would assist us enormously in the deep cleaning of rooms, furniture and equipment after the children have left.

Keyworker children that need to stay until 3.00 pm will go to a different room if they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

## **GROUPS**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 have been grouped in two halves alphabetically. Many children will **NOT** have their own classroom, class teacher or TA, no other adults will be involved with individual groups, in total, nearly **17** individual groups. The group will have its own room and 2 adults for the duration.

Groups cannot mix and social distancing has to be observed at all times.

When parents collect their children, we ask that they too need to keep distance from other adults.

Children may bring a snack, but break times will be in their designated room.

## **WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL**

Children must bring as little as possible.

There will be no PE, swimming or Forest School until DFE sanctions are lifted.

Children will be supplied with pencils so please **NO** pencil cases or unnecessary belongings apart from a water bottle and a snack.

Areas such as the library, IT suite, use of laptops etc., will not be used due to the necessary cleaning of everything daily.

**There will be no school every Friday for all pupils including Keyworkers' children.**

On this day weekly, staff will be planning, both for their group and for Home Learning. Deep Cleaning will happen throughout this day whilst the building is empty of all adults and children.

**Every school** have similar but varied plans:

- Children will be required to wear school uniform – please wash as regularly as possible.
- On dry, sunny days, the groups may learn outside, so please put sun cream on your children and they may bring hats.
- No face masks are required. Only staff providing medical aid will wear PPE or if they choose to do so.
- Reading books will not be sent home or allowed in school from home.
- There will not be a **Breakfast Club** or any **After School Clubs** this term.
- Private music tuition will be suspended until further notice.

- Contactless thermometer reading checks will take place during the morning. Any possible indication of Covid-19 **must** stay at home or children with temperatures collected to self-isolate and be tested.
- If we are unsure about a child who has got a temperature, I will make a decision based on the individual situation and this may result in the whole group being sent home to self-isolate.

**To Summarise:**

This may seem very strict and hardly comparable to school life as we know it.

My first priority as Headteacher is the Safety of your children and my staff.

These are anxious times and I cannot lie when I say, I feel a huge weight on my shoulders to keep everyone safe and well.

I didn't dedicate my life to education to run a school in this way, but then, none of us could foretell the massive impact it would have on our lives. Every school has had to make difficult decisions and create intensive risk assessments in order to meet the school's individual needs.

Please feel free to contact me via my PA, Mrs Hughes, if you have any urgent issues you need to discuss.

I will put **your** child's safety and my staffs' wellbeing at the forefront of everything I represent as Headteacher of St George's Primary School.

There is a plan of the school attached informing you of the start and collection points and times.

Below is a table showing you the class names and which children will be in those classes:

<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Children in each class</b>
RG Group A	Surnames B – Han
RG Group B	Surnames Haw – W
RBR Group A	Surnames B – Ma
RBR Group B	Surnames Mo – W
1P Group A	Surnames B – L
1P Group B	Surnames M – W
1S Group A	Surnames A – Gor
1S Group B	Surnames Gou – W
1W Group A	Surnames B – L
1W Group B	Surnames M – W
6B Group A	Surnames B – Ma
6B Group B	Surnames Mo – W
6R Group A	Surnames B – Lu
6R Group B	Surnames Ly – W
Keyworker Children	Year 2 and Year 3
Keyworker Children	Year 4 and Year 5
Keyworker Children	Excess Group from Rec, Year 1 and Year 6

My very best wishes.

Mrs J Luxon  
Headteacher

