

St. George's Primary School

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Dear Parents

I wish to thank all our parents and children for cooperating with the school's Risk Assessment and Covid restrictions.

The children have been exemplary with all aspects of the school day without question. All the pupils have displayed a mature and sensible approach and I am incredibly proud of them.

I must thank parents for their patience and tolerance regarding not coming in the school building. This regulation will continue for the long term, unless the Covid guidance states otherwise.

For the first few days, I felt the importance of parents accompanying their children to their class line, outweighed stricter rules regarding social distancing.

As the children are very Covid aware, and confident to return to school, I must now enforce the Government's recent update for schools, to minimise coronavirus risks.

We already have staggered starts and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school.

I would emphasise that, due to the large numbers in KS2, the large gatherings of parents on the school grounds, made social distancing difficult. From Thursday 9th September, I must ask all parents in KS2 to drop off their child at the correct time, then leave via the school gate straight away. If any children are still feeling anxious, the parents may stay in their car or outside the main gate until the class is lining up and ready to go in with school staff. Staff will complete temperature checks.

Temperature checking is precautionary and should a child have a significant temperature, parents will be phoned immediately by my Admin staff. Please do not wait for this.

Most children with a high temperature would feel too unwell to come to school. In the very unlikely case of a child suddenly feeling ill with a temperature whilst lining up, parents will be notified and the child will be looked after until collection.

Unfortunately, the number of parents within the school grounds for lengthy periods of time has increased any potential risk of viral transmission to both adults and children. In a large school like St George's, the numbers of adults and children gathering on the school grounds has made social distancing impossible.

From tomorrow can parents leave immediately as their child joins his/her class line.

Providing the set times are adhered to this will improve the congestion and social distancing with immediate effect.

These strict Covid guidelines are used in most schools and I must thank you in advance for helping me make St George's Primary as safe as possible.

At the end of each day on the times of collection, could parents wait at the specific time allocated for children to leave the premises.

Year 3 parents only, may enter the area just inside the main gate by the side of the cage in a line.

Children can then find their adult and leave straight away. Any parents on the school grounds must wear a face mask and observe strict social distancing from tomorrow morning onwards.

In KS1, the main entry gate remains for parents to drop their children off and from tomorrow, parents are asked to leave their children in their class lines and leave straight away via the gate by Haylands.

This will be a one way system for parents from tomorrow morning and afternoon when pupils are collected.

May I ask that parents make a special effort to social distance whilst on the school grounds and wear a face mask once on school property.

If parents could stick to the specific drop off and collection time, this will help ease the congestion no end.

Please could parents avoid gathering at the school gate and leave immediately after your child has been left or delivered by a member of the school staff.

Any parents not wearing face masks may be asked to wait outside the gates unless there is a specific reason for not wearing one.

I must apologise for all the recent changes, but I receive updated DFE and LA briefings/guidelines daily.

May I thank the many parents who have been so complimentary about the efforts made to welcome children back to school.

Our dedicated teams of staff are always putting childrens' happiness and safety first.

As Headteacher of St George's. my main aim is to ensure that all my staff, children and parents are kept as safe as possible whilst working alongside Covid.

Such dedication can only describe our main purpose within an educational establishment.

We certainly appreciate the efforts that parents have made to help their child cope with returning to school.

Any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting me via my PA, Mrs Kim Hughes.

My Best Wishes

Mrs J Luxon

