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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on September 6th 2021 at the start of the new academic year.

The first two days Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are teaching and professional development days and staff will be readily preparing for their new pupils.

Many parents may still be anxious about Covid in school, and understandably, this includes staff, children and visitors.

Despite the fact many restrictions have been removed by the government, I do feel strongly that we approach this phase of 'freedom' with an air of caution.

Despite our delight that many activities in school, which were previously stopped due to the pandemic can resume, we need to ensure that Covid infections are kept under control for the foreseeable future.

All staggered starts and finishes to the school day are no longer in place, and school meals, assemblies and clubs will resume in due course.

KS2 children may wait in the lower KS2 playground from 8.45 am until they are collected by their teacher and I must ask that parents just drop their children off and leave promptly. Parents may wait outside the cage at the end of the day but please do not stand on the car park area or in the path of vehicles. Cars are NOT allowed past the school gates and cars cannot enter the hatched area leading from the road to the main school gates.

In an attempt to reduce infection rates in school, we will continue to only allow adults with appointments to enter the school. Anybody wishing to contact a member of staff etc., must either email the office or telephone the Admin Team accordingly.

Anyone wishing to speak to me, please contact my PA Mrs Hughes, and she will ensure that arrangements can be made to either meet or discuss school related issues with me directly.

My staff will continue to wear face masks in communal places if they wish to do so. If parents wish to continue wearing face masks to protect themselves and others, I would welcome this joint effort in order to keep St George's free from Covid.

If your child, or a member of your family contracts Covid – please let us know and pupils infected will need to isolate.

To that end – may I say yet again how much we appreciated your co-operation keeping St George's as safe as it could be during the pandemic.

I hope that we can work together in the future, and continue to maintain a safe, happy and Covid free learning environment for your children and my staff – which in turn keeps families and Portland as Covid free as possible.

This term we welcome our new Reception cohort and some new members of staff who I feel sure you will meet in time.

I will keep you updated on term dates, events and before/after school activities when the time draws closer.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me in the future if you need assistance, support or have queries regarding your child's education, health and welfare in school.

My best wishes

Mrs J Luxon

