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Thursday 4th March 2021

Arrangements from Monday 8th March 2021 until further notice

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school from Monday 8th March. Whilst this is fantastic news and we are all excited, I must remind you that we are only returning to where we were before Christmas and therefore strict procedures will need to be followed by all staff, children, parents and visitors to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our updated risk assessment can be found on our website under the Covid-19 tab or through the following link:

<https://www.stjohnsceinfantschool.co.uk/coronavirus/>

Attendance:

- School attendance is mandatory again from 8th March 2021, which means that the normal attendance policy will be followed. As parents you have a duty to ensure that your child attends regularly. Unless your child is ill they should attend school.
- Children should not attend school if they or anyone in the household are showing signs of coronavirus.
- Only 1 parent/carer per family will be allowed on the school site at drop off and pick up times and they **MUST** wear a face covering.

Class Bubbles:

- Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taught in class bubbles and will not come into contact with children from other bubbles.
- Reception children will be taught in a year group bubble as this is more appropriate for their age.
- Separate break times and lunchtimes will be timetabled.
- Consistent members of staff will be with each bubble each day.
- Children can bring a school book bag to school ONLY. Please no toys from home or big bulky bags.
- Each child will have their own water bottle. These will remain in school and be washed in the dishwasher on a daily basis.

Start and finishing times:

Year Group	Start Time	Drop off point	Finish Time	Drop off and Pick up point
Reception	8.40 – 8.50am	Reception Playground	3.00pm	Reception Playground
Year 1	8.50 -9.00am	Main Playground	3.05pm	Outside external classroom door
Year 2	9.00 – 9.10am	Main Playground	3.15pm	Outside external classroom door



- Breakfast club and Rainbow Club (after school) will be available for all children but children will remain in bubble groups. Please arrange this through the school office.
- It is vital your child is on time for two reasons. Firstly, so we can avoid congestion and secondly so that your child does not miss out on any of their entitlement to education. However, if your child is late then please take them to the school office and await instructions.
- The gate from the top of the playground, which opens on to the public footpath will be locked.
- Please can we ask all parents to obey the social distancing rules in place, stand 2 metres away from others not in your household and wear a face covering?
- If parents need to contact staff then this should be arranged via the school office or Class Dojo.
- If your child is in Reception and are upset in a morning, please use the resources set out in the outside area, away from the door, until teachers are free to help your child into school.

Curriculum:

The Rainbow Curriculum, St John's ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum will be taught. However, priority will be given to Reading, Writing and Maths catch up along with subjects that allow children to be creative and explore at their level whilst developing their social and emotional well-being. We would really appreciate your support with any homework tasks set to support the catch-up programmes delivered in school. We will once again commence sending reading books home.

School Uniform:

Our usual school uniform policy will be back in place, please see the school website.

On days when the children have PE (twice a week), they will be required to come in their PE clothes and remain in these for the whole day. Staff will confirm with you the PE days for your child's class via Class Dojo.

PE clothing should consist of dark comfortable leggings/tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and suitable footwear for running about in outside.

On top of this, children should wear their normal school jumper. Please can you make sure all clothing, including shoes and coats are clearly labelled. No ear rings or jewellery should be worn on PE days.

Lunches:

Hot school meals will be provided again, free of charge, to all of our children (Universal Free School Meals). This will be the same menu as was being served prior to COVID – 19 lockdown.

Medication:

Please can you check that your child's inhaler is in date and is taken by you to the school office on the first day back.

Any forms of medication should be clearly labelled and handed in at the school office – not left in book bags.

Devices:

If anyone borrowed a laptop or iPad from school over lockdown, please can you make sure that they are returned on Monday 8th March 2021 to the school office. Please do not hand them over to teaching staff. This is to ensure we reduce the number of people handling the devices.

Testing:

From Monday 8th March, home Lateral Flow COVID tests are available for all families with school aged children in. The testing kits are available from 500 sites across the country. It is parents responsibility should you choose to take part in this optional testing. However as a school we would really recommend this and it is not just the children but the adults in the household who can be tested. School does not need to be informed whether you are taking part or not. The advice is to test twice a week. Further information can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>.

Thank you in advance for your help in enabling all children to return to learning in school safely and in the meantime please get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

