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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am really pleased to inform you that all pupils are being invited back into school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is really good news & I am sure you're more than happy about. We are looking forward to seeing all the children and getting back into our school routines.

In order for this to happen the practises we had in place for term 1 and 2 need to continue.

Please see below some of the actions we will be putting back in place, as well as some actions that you will need to do.

We have worked diligently to make St. Andrew's as safe a place as possible. As part of this we have conducted thorough risk assessments which have identified steps that we can take to reduce risk to pupils and staff from COVID-19 infection.

These steps will mitigate the risk, not eliminate it, but we would not be opening at all if we didn't believe we could manage this risk to an acceptable level.

Pupils will continue to have minimal mixing and will be taught in their class Bubbles. These Bubbles will be kept separate from each other throughout the day including playtime.

**ACTION: What we need you to do:**

- Inform the school if you require wrap around care ie Breakfast Club, After School Club.
- Watch the video about dropping off your children to school and school pick up. This can be accessed on our school learning platform on our school website.
- Be punctual when dropping off your children and picking them up.
- Wear a face covering during drop off and pick up time.
- Park sensibly and avoid parking directly outside the school.
- Inform us straight away if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID 19 and keep them at home.
- Follow the current advice from the government regarding COVID 19 restrictions and rules.

## **What you also need to know:**

- Social distancing will not need to happen amongst the children within their own Bubble.
- Staff will still be social distancing.
- St. Andrew's Bubbles will be: Reception/YR1/YR2; YR3/4; YR5/6.
- **All children will be active every day so please ensure they bring in suitable footwear eg trainers (these can be returned home daily if required or kept in school). All children will either be doing skipping on the playground or the daily mile around our school field. If they don't have suitable footwear then they will have to walk the mile in wellies instead of running.**
- **Children will wear school uniform Monday – Wednesday. Thursday and Friday they will wear their PE kit. PE kit should consist of white t-shirt, black shorts/joggers, sweatshirt and trainers. PE sessions will be outside either on the school field or playground, so trainers are preferable to daps.**
- School meals will be provided.
- Reception/YR1/2 will eat their lunch in the school hall; YR3/4 and YR5/6 will eat their lunch in their classrooms.
- Your child must not bring in any unnecessary items from home.
- Your child can bring in one bag from home that will contain their packed lunch (if applicable) and 2 water bottles, plus mid- morning snack (KS2). This bag must not have anything attached to it.
- Please be reminded that a mid- morning snack should be a piece of fruit or raw vegetable.
- There will be no whole school Collective Worship.
- Each group of children now referred to as a Bubble will have their own start and finish times, note that these will be different for each Bubble.
- Staff when working closely with a child one to one or a small group might wear a face covering and or shield.

### **Start of the day**

8:30am YR5/6 A plus any younger siblings  
8:35 am Yr5/6 B plus any younger siblings  
8:40am Yr3/4 A plus any younger siblings  
8:45am Yr3/4 B plus any younger siblings  
8:50am Yr1/2 plus Reception children

### **End of the day**

Reception/YR1/YR2 plus any older siblings 3:00pm  
YR3/4 plus any older siblings 3:10pm  
YR5/6 3:15pm

For those children in YR3/4 and YR5/6, you will be emailed which group your children are in (A or B).

- Playtime and lunchtime will be at the same time. Outside play will be in zoned areas. Each Bubble will play in their zoned area for that day. Bubbles will rotate around the zoned areas during the week.
- Playtime and lunchtime sessions will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure your child has wellies in school at all times and a waterproof jacket, as light rain will not stop us going outside.
- Children will sanitise their hands on entry into the school playground. They will wash their hands before playtime; sanitise their hands after playtime; wash their hands before lunch; sanitise their hands after lunchtime play and will sanitise their hands before leaving the playground to go home.
- Children will also be reminded about washing their hands after using the toilet.
- Parents will not be allowed into the school playground at the start or end of the day. Any important messages will need to be emailed before the child comes to school or a phone call made.
- Breakfast club and After School club will be provided. However children will have to play either in their family groups or their class Bubble groups.
- Due to current restrictions and having to ensure minimal mixing of pupils there will be no enrichment clubs.
- If your child appears to have any symptoms however mild of COVID-19 they are not in any circumstances to come into school. If the school suspects symptoms of COVID-19 or your child is suffering from any other illness, they will be withdrawn from their Bubble and put into a separate isolation room until you can collect them. A member of staff wearing PPE will sit with them until your arrival. Please arrive promptly to collect your child, as their supervision will remove a member of staff from other duties.
- You must strictly comply with the drop off and pick up times for your child's Bubble, we do not want parents waiting outside the school gate. Please bring your child at the specified time and wait on the lines along the front of the school, 1 metre apart. A staff member will be in the playground to greet your child once they have been called in. The same process applies for the end of the day.

**Please see link for video showing you how the school will look on re-opening and the start and end of day procedures.**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1CO4O6KeqhlCuN7QM8z5Grd3KJrX0w6JQ>

**As we are still in a pandemic situation it is important that all families continue to adhere to the advice given by the government.**

**It is of paramount importance that you carefully read the above to ensure you have full understanding of our whole school re-opening processes.**

I look forward to seeing you all on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards



Helen Green



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