

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have managed to have some rest and relaxation over the summer holidays. We seem to have experienced every sort of weather and COVID-19 has inevitably dominated the news.

Our good news is that we are expecting to reopen fully, 5 days a week, for all children from **THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**. We are following the latest government guidance, published August 7, to ensure we can keep everyone in our school as safe as possible.

The following is the important information you will need for the start of term but there will be further information and updates during the coming weeks. We do not want to bombard you!

**Class Organisation:** We will be having year group bubbles which is two classes, up to 30 in each, maximum of 60 children. The children will be in their own classes with the same class teacher and teaching assistants most of the time. They will not mix with other year groups during the school day.

**Drop off and pick up:** We are using three school entrances to avoid congestion. No parents/carers to come on site without an appointment unless they have a child in Year 1. The following table outlines the detail:

Year group bubble	Drop off	Pick up	Location
Y1	9.00 - 9.10	3.20	Parents to enter and pick up from KS1 Garden
Y2	8.40 – 9.00	3.20	Main gate (right hand side)
Y3	8.40 – 9.00	3.20	Main gate (left hand side)
Y4	8.40 – 9.00	3.20	Side gate by hall
Y5	8.40 – 9.00	3.20	Top gate next to park
Y6	8.40 – 9.00	3.10	Top gate next to park

**Lunches:** Everyone will have packed lunches to start the term and the children will eat in their classrooms. You can choose to bring one from home or order one from the school kitchen.

**Equipment:** Children must only bring in essential equipment; packed lunch boxes, PE kit, coats, bags and a pencil case if they choose. **Children must not bring in soft toys, cards or hard plastic toys from home.**

**Uniform:** All children are expected to wear school uniform.

**Breakfast Club, After School Club and clubs:** Before and after school provision will not start until week beginning **Monday 28 September**. **We will not mix year group bubbles** so the before and after school provision can only be offered to certain year groups when it starts. We need to confirm details and will inform you as soon as we know what it will look like.

We have adapted our Risk Assessment from the Summer Term and it will be on our website during the coming week. This covers our measures for ensuring our school is as safe as possible including regular hand washing, good respiratory hygiene (*Catch it, Bin It, Kill It*), separate toilet cubicles, cloakroom rooms and play areas for year group bubbles.

We are confident that we can welcome all our children back to a safe and happy school where they will enjoy a school routine and a full curriculum despite a global pandemic. We are very lucky to have such a large building with lots of space, both inside and outside, which make social distancing easier.

I look forward to seeing you next week. We will be on the gates to greet and direct you!

Best wishes, Liz Burton

