



Executive Headteacher: Mr Jim Williams

'To learn every day, to help each other and to be happy.'

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Friday March 5th

Dear Parents

As I stated within last week's update we are excited for the return to school for all pupils on Monday March 8th. The associated arrangements for children and staff will be very similar to those which were in place throughout the Autumn Term. As a reminder, please see below for key information.

You may also find it informative and useful to refer to the revised Federation risk assessment which can be found on both websites under the Coronavirus support section. The Department for Education have also produced guidance for parents which can be found by accessing the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

The pupils benefited from an extremely productive Autumn Term after a lengthy period of closure. I am confident that the return to school on 08.03.21 will be equally successful with the children building on the progress made within their learning since January, regardless of whether their provision has been in school or at home.

Please see below for the details of adjustments and reminders to our new arrangements; which are all designed to ensure a safe return to school for us all.

If you have any queries, then please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jim Williams

Key Information

1. Drop-off and pick-up arrangements

Year group	Drop off time	Collection time
Nursery	09:00	15:00
Reception	08:45 – 09:00	15:00
Year 1	08:50 – 09:00	15:10 Seahorses 15:15 Starfish
Year 2	08:50 – 09:00	15:10 Skylarks 15:15 Sandpipers
Years 3 and 4	08:45 – 09:00	15:15
Years 5 and 6	08:45 – 09:00	15:20



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St. George's Infant School

- Parents/ adults are requested to wear a face covering when picking up and dropping off their child.
- Please contact the school office if you will be unable to drop-off or pick-up at the allotted time.
- All parents to continue to enter the school site through the double gates (vehicular entrance) and to exit via the small pedestrian path and smaller side gates
- Nursery, reception and Year 1 parents to drop-off and pick up via the nursery play area / main school playground and then leave the school site using the new side gate that leads out onto Burrows Lane.
- Year 2 parents to drop-off and pick up passing past the school reception / office and into the Year 2 compound and then leave via the same route.

St. Margaret's Junior School

- Parents/ adults are requested to wear a face covering when picking up and dropping off their child.
- See revised drop-off times above for Years 3 and 4
- Please continue to enter the site via the double gates on Windsor Road. On dropping off your child please leave the school site via the exits on Sandymere Road or Seaview Road.
- In order to ensure that Year 3 and 4 children do not leave the site unsupervised, we request that parents continue to pick up their child from the class teacher who will be standing on the playground. Please do not stand on Windsor Road waiting for your child to come and meet you.
- Pupils in Years 5 and 6 can walk home without adult supervision assuming parental permission has been given to the class teacher.

2. Symptomatic individuals

Pupils and adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms: a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend school for at least 10 days from the day after the start of their symptoms. Please contact the school office to inform us of the situation immediately.

3. Playground equipment

The playground equipment is used by the children during the school day by year group bubbles. Please help us in our efforts to minimise the risk of transmission by not allowing your children to play on the equipment before or after the school day.

4. Face coverings

The revised Government guidance states that primary aged school children **DO NOT** need to wear a face covering.

5. Lunches

We are pleased to be able to offer hot & cold lunch options for your children. Due to the current circumstances and availability of ingredients the kitchen team will be designing our menus on a weekly basis. The menu will be displayed on our website & posted on our Facebook page. The



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menu may be subject to change, but we will always endeavour to inform you of any changes by text.

6. Children to return books

Please can children bring back into school all workbooks, reading books and worksheets in a named plastic bag. It is important that class teachers have access to all of the children's work completed during the period of 'lockdown'.

7. Return of chromebooks

For those families who were loaned chromebooks to support pupils with their remote learning, please can the chromebooks be returned to the school office by an adult.

8. Additional information

- If you wish to register your child for the Breakfast Club then please contact the school office at least 24 hours in advance.
- Children will learn, play and eat within Year Group Bubbles.
- Normal school uniform is to be worn to school, other than on the day in the week when your child has PE. On this day, all children in Years 1 to 6 must attend school in their PE kit. A text has been sent to remind you of the day on which your child will have PE.
- Children in Reception must attend school in their school uniform; they do not need a PE kit. Reception children will need Forest School clothes brought into school on a Friday.
- All children will need an empty zip-close pencil case. We will provide all stationary.
- Your child will need a water bottle.
- If your child brings in a fruit/veg snack, this needs to be in a named enclosed container (e.g. a plastic tub, a food bag) and be ready to eat.
- Reading record books will be used both in school and at home. Please wash hands before and after handling these.

9. Asymptomatic testing for staff

It may be of interest to note that staff in primary school settings will continue to test themselves using the lateral flow devices to help identify adults who might be infectious but do not have any covid-19 symptoms. Primary aged pupils **DO NOT** need to be tested.

10. Asymptomatic testing of adults

The DfE have asked that schools share the following guidance with parents, regarding accessing regular testing arrangements available for all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms:

Message from the DfE

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most



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N.B. Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

The following link provides additional information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>



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