



Executive Headteacher: Mr Jim Williams

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

2nd. September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that the past six weeks have provided you with some precious time within which you have been able to relax with your family and friends and that your children have enjoyed themselves.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Key information relating to the safe return to school for us all can be found at the bottom of this letter. Should you have any queries then please contact either of the school offices on either Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The Government have recently asked schools to encourage all parents to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](http://gov.uk/backtoschool) for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your children's return to school.

The beginning of a new academic year is always a special time for staff and pupils alike and the thought of us all being back together again as a 'school family' is an extremely enticing and exciting prospect. I hope to speak with you at some point next week during the daily drop-off or pick-up.

Kind regards,

Mr. Jim Williams  
(Executive Headteacher)

**KEY INFORMATION**

When coming into school:

- All children to return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- Children to arrive to school and be collected at the times identified below:

Year group	Drop off time	Collection time
Nursery	09:00	15:00
Reception	08:45 – 09:00	15:10
Year 1	08:50 – 09:00	15:15
Year 2	08:50 – 09:00	15:15
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	08:40 – 09:00	15:20



SCHOOL MEMBER



- Face coverings: The current Government guidance states that primary aged school children will not need to wear a face covering. However, if you feel that your child requires to wear a face covering within school, for a medical reason, then please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with Miss Frost or Mr. Williams.
- For adults visiting either of the front offices there is no need to wear a face covering within the reception lobby as office staff will communicate behind the closed, glass window.
- Please enter St George's School via the double gates (vehicular entrance), follow an anti-clockwise one-way system around the school, exiting via the pedestrian path and smaller gates. There will be signs and adults to guide you. Please arrive and leave within the time for your child's year group bubble. Do not play on the play equipment in school and please socially distance from other children and parents. Children are to be dropped and collected from their outside classroom door. Staff will be present to provide directions. Please follow the same route when picking up your child from their respective classroom doors.
- Please enter the St Margaret's School site via the double gates on Windsor Road. Pupils in Years 3,5 and 6 will make their way to their respective classroom via the room's fire exit door. Year 4 pupils will enter the school via the double door entrance on the lower playground. On dropping off your child please leave the school site via the exits on Sandymere Road or Seaview Road. At pick-up time at St. Margaret's, please follow the same route. Your child will be waiting on the playground in a collection zone. Staff will be present to provide directions. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 can walk home without adult supervision once parental permission has been given to the class teacher.
- Only one adult to drop-off and pick-up from school.
- We ask for parents to not enter the school building. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please go via the office.
- 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. Your child's class teacher will inform you of the day on which your child will have PE, at the start of term.
- Children in Reception must attend school in their school uniform; they do not need a PE kit.
- Your child will need a coat (named), or in warmer weather they will need sun-cream and a named hat.
- Please apply sun cream before your child comes into school on warm days.
- Hot lunches will be available to order from our school kitchen, or your child may bring a named packed lunch.
- 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.
- Please do not attend school if you or a family member are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 (see below) and please alert the school immediately.
- If you any queries relating to the start of the term then please contact the school office on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep. or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

- Do not send your child to school if they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or if someone in their household is showing symptoms

### **The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:**

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### **SELF-ISOLATION**

- If you have recently returned to the UK from a country which requires a period of self-isolation then please can you keep your child at home and inform the school office of your situation.

