



Executive Headteacher: Mr Jim Williams

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

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Friday September 11th

Dear Parents

I have always deemed it to be a privilege to work with children and on Monday morning, as the children walked back through the school gates, I was reminded of the fundamental reason for this sentiment. There was a palpable sense of joy and eager anticipation as the children returned to school after the sustained period of school closure.

It has often been stated that children 'live in the moment' and as the nation continues to adapt to Government covid-19 related guidance and advice then perhaps we, as adults, can learn from this inspiring example of positivity and adaptability, as demonstrated by the children throughout the week.

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

Have an enjoyable week-end and thank you for your significant support of the operational changes to our routine.

Mr. Jim Williams (Headteacher)

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	08:40 – 09:00	15:15
Years 5 and 6	08:40 – 09:00	15:20

St. George's Infant School

- Please see the revised the times above. Please contact the school office if you will be unable to drop-off or pick-up at the allotted time as we understand that for some parents with more than one child, pick-up at the exact time may not be possible. The minor adjustments have been made to minimise congestion.
- 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 same route.
- 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.



SCHOOL MEMBER



St. Margaret's Junior School

- See revised times above
- Please continue to enter the site via the double gates on Windsor Road. On dropping off and picking up your child please leave the school site via the exits on Sandymere Road or Seaview Road.

An increasing number of Year 5 and 6 pupils are asking to exit via the double gates to meet with parents who are parking on or near Windsor Road. Please can this situation be avoided.

- Please do not drop-off your child before 8:40

2. *Email address*

In the very near future we aim to communicate with you electronically via email; thus significantly reducing our paper usage. Over recent months many of you have provided the administrative team with your current email address. A test email will be sent to you next week; please contact the school office if you do not receive this email. If you have yet to provide an active email address or you are unable to provide us with an email address then please contact the school office.

3. *Medical information*

In order to safeguard staff who have underlying medical conditions please can you inform the school office if either your child or a member of your household contracts an infectious disease e.g. chickenpox, measles, rubella.

4. *Seating arrangements*

To ensure that both the learning environment and safety of the children and staff within year groups are not compromised, the seating arrangements in classrooms may vary. It may be the case that the forward-facing rows of children will not be commonplace. This arrangement has been ratified by the DCC Health and safety advisor. The school risk assessment will be adjusted accordingly.

5. *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.

6. *Sweets*

A decision has been taken to temporarily stop the sharing of sweets between children when celebrating a birthday. As with all of these decisions, we are trying to keep the safety of us all at the forefront of our minds at this time. I apologise if you received a different message earlier in the week.