



Dear Parents/Carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back on **Wednesday 2nd September** and to seeing them all again. We have missed them very much.

We would like to thank you all for your patience and invaluable support throughout this difficult time; no one could have predicted such a lengthy lockdown. This letter is to outline our current plans with regards to fully re-opening in September.

In developing these plans we have followed the guidance set out by the Department of Education (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>). An outline of the key aspects of the plan and supporting risk assessment can be found on the school website. I have attached to this letter some further guidance to help families to prepare for the new term.

We recognise however that there may be further changes over the summer break and governors and school leaders will meet on 1st September 2020 to confirm the plan remains appropriate.

What has been asked of schools?

- All children to return to school full time, from the start of September;
- Children to stay in class 'bubbles' or year group 'bubbles';
- Limited contact between pupils and the continued implementation of hygiene and social distance measures.

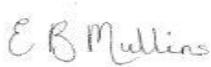
We have been able to test the effectiveness of the measures we have put in place with our current Year 6 group and are confident that the systems and processes we have put in place will accommodate the full school body.

What can St John's families do to help?

- Positively prepare pupils for re-opening;
- Share our plans and arrangements in this letter to help pupils know what to expect;
- Remind pupils about strict personal hygiene e.g. hand washing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it';
- Prepare children for social distancing of 1 metre;
- Ensure pupils are aware of uniform requirements;
- Come to school at the time arranged so that children can safely enter school within their bubble;
- Keep children, who may have any signs of illness, at home;
- Please be patient as we adapt to these changes!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting school over recent months and supporting your child with their home learning and wish you an enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards



Mrs E Mullins
Headteacher

Guidance for Parents on School Reopening Autumn 2020

How will school be organised?

Beginning and End of Day

Please follow the yellow footprints and one-way system, when dropping off or picking up your child. Enter through the usual school pedestrian gate and exit via the side gate by the shop.

The beginning and end of the day will be phased to ensure that we minimise contact between bubbles. Please could parents drop off pupils between 8.30am and 8.50am via specified classroom/cloakroom doors.

CLASS	ENTRY POINT am	END OF DAY pickup point
3S	3S classroom door	3S classroom door
3W	Year 3 cloakroom door	Year 3 cloakroom door
4B	Year 4 cloakroom door	Rear playground
4CP	4CP classroom door	Quiet area (astro turf)
5D	5D classroom door	Front playground
5R	5D classroom door	Front playground
6H	6H classroom door	Front playground
6W	Year 6 cloakroom door	Front playground

At the end of the day could parents pick up between 3.00pm and 3.30pm from designated playground/pick up point. Teachers will release pupils as parents arrive. Socially distanced spots have been painted on the front playgrounds to support distancing.

We would be grateful where possible if only one adult/family member could pick up children to help minimise gatherings and support social distancing. If it is necessary to bring a younger child at pick up time, the child must stay with the adult

School Uniform

Children are to wear school uniform. We would ask both staff and children to not wear jewellery or watches to reduce transmission of the virus.

Classrooms

- Tables and chairs have been placed so that children are sitting side by side as recommended by the DfE;
- We will have a realistic approach to social distancing within bubbles, with all children being encouraged to socially distance in their bubbles. However, we recognise that this may not always be possible for the younger children;
- Frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices will be maintained;
- Pupils to wash hands on entry to school, before snack, after break, before lunch, after lunch and before leaving school;
- Staff to remind children at the beginning of each day about expectations of hygiene and will use posters to reinforce messages;
- All pupils have tissues available and are expected to use - 'catch it, bin it, kill it';
- Behaviour expectations will be reinforced at the beginning of each day to help children remember to social distance and maintain hygiene;
- All doors and windows will be opened to create ventilation, where possible;
- Pupils can bring school bags but no pencil cases;
- Each pupil will have a tray which will contain equipment in a bag, and resources that will only be used by them. Any shared equipment will be cleaned before and after use;
- All class surfaces, handles and equipment that will be used by others will be regularly cleaned;
- Pupils to remain in spaces and movement for toilets/breaks planned in advance so they do not come into direct contact with other bubbles.

Toilets

- Social distancing measures will be used. Year bubbles will use their designated toilets.

Other Important Measures

There are to be no large gatherings or bringing different year bubbles together, e.g. whole school assemblies or Mass.

Day trips are permitted in autumn term subject to protective measures being taken and we will provide information on these nearer the time.

The usual rules on attendance apply: from September 2020, school is mandatory.

Breaktimes and Lunches

- At break times, pupils will remain in their year group bubbles and will play on a designated playground area. Extra 'Flexi 5' breaks will be organised by class teachers throughout the day;
- At lunch time, they will play on this same, designated area;
- Lunchtime will be staggered: Year 3/4 11.45 am -12.45pm
Year 5/6 12.30 pm - 1.30pm
- Only one year group 'bubble' will eat lunch in the dining hall, at a time;
- Edsential hot and cold dinner menu will be offered, at £2.40 per child through ParentMail or children can bring their own packed lunch in a lunch bag or box.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast and After School Clubs will be running. Pupils will be organised into bubbles of 30 at each of St John's Infant and Junior School Clubs. Further details will be available from Lyndsay Frost.

Equipment and resources

- Pupils are not to bring their own pencil cases into school. Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, ruler, sharpener and rubber will be given to each child and kept in a sealed, named plastic bag. This will be kept in their tray in their classroom;
- Classroom based resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble. These will be cleaned regularly along with frequently touched surfaces.

PE

- Pupils will be kept in bubbles and sports equipment cleaned thoroughly before and after use;
- Contact sports will be avoided;
- Outdoor sports will be prioritised

First Aid

- First aid will be carried out by a person wearing an apron and gloves;
- PPE equipment will be worn if a pupil becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in their setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home;
- A face mask will be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 1 metre + cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult;
- There will be an allocated spare room if needed to move all children if another child is unwell.

Sickness

- Staff, children, parents, carers or any visitors, such as suppliers, will be made aware that they must not enter the education or childcare setting if they or any member of their household are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19;
- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they will be sent home/their parents or carers will be contacted to collect them and they are advised to follow the Staying at Home advice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>;
- If a pupil is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a separate room with appropriate adult supervision;
- If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they will use a separate bathroom where possible. The bathroom will be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else;
- If there is any indication that it could be Covid 19 - a test must be arranged as soon as possible and school informed of the result.