



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Reception Parents and Carers

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We hope you have had a restful summer and we are looking forward to welcoming you to St John's on Monday.

Following on from our communication in July regarding your child starting school, we wanted to write to you with an update on our plans for the start of term on Monday 7th September.

Week 1

Monday 7th September	Tuesday 8 th September	Wednesday 9 th September - Friday 11 th September
Children invited to St John's in small groups for a 1 hour 'Elmer Club' session with their parent/carer.	Children invited to school in small group for a 1 hour 'Elmer Club' session without their parent/carer	Children are placed into 2 groups and invited each day for a morning or afternoon session.
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'Elmer Club' - Classroom Visits

There will be two opportunities for your child to meet the Reception team. On Monday 7th September, we ask that **one parent** accompany their child for a 'stay and play' session. This is to allow for safe social distancing measures to be put in place. During this session we ask that you strictly follow social distancing rules, remaining 2 metres away from other parents and adults in the room. We will not be requiring you to wear a mask during this session' however, we recognise that some adults will feel more comfortable wearing a face mask and we are very happy for you to do so.

On Tuesday 8th September, once you have dropped your child off, we ask that you leave the school premises and return to collect them at the allocated time. We are unable to offer teas and coffees as mentioned previously due to guidelines and space in the school.

Week 2

Monday 14th September - Friday 18th September
Children will continue in 2 groups for a morning or afternoon session each day and all children will be in school for lunch and lunch play.
Times and Groups 10:15 - 1:30 pm Last name B - J 12:00 - 3:15 pm Last name M – W

In accordance with communication sent out in July, children are invited to start full time from week 2. If you would like your child to start full time from Monday 14th September, please inform anyone of the Reception class team during Week 1 or call the school office.

All children will then attend school full time in Week 3, week beginning 21st September.

One-way system

We have created a clear one-way system around the perimeter of the school, and with staggered start and end of day collection times, this should enable all parents to access their drop off points safely. Please note the **one-way system route has changed** to allow for more people to walk on the school site safely.

The **new route** around school is as follows; as you walk through the front gate, turn right and walk through Smarty Arty and follow arrows around the school hall. Continue to follow the arrows around the back of the school towards the church, turn left and walk down the pathway with the school on your left and the church on your right, leaving school through the main gate.

Staggered start and finish times

We are asking for different year groups to arrive and be collected at slightly different times. This will apply to the Reception class once they are full time.



	Start	Finish <i>Gate will be opened 5 minutes before the allocated time slot.</i>
Year R + 1 + 3	Drop off time 8:35 - 8:45. Registration is at 8:45	3:05
Year 2 + 4	Drop off time 8:45 - 8:55 Registration is at 8:55	3:15

The Reception class will always enter and leave the school building via their Elephants' outside area. Parents will be unable to enter the school building, therefore a member of the Reception class team will be allocated at the entrance point to the school, welcoming the children and taking any messages you may need to pass on to the class teacher.

Attendance

As per the government guidance, it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

Lunch

A reminder that children will eat lunch in their classroom and will therefore need to bring a packed lunch with them to school. Please note, at present we will **not** be serving hot lunches. This will be reviewed alongside Trust schools. However, Chartwells will continue to provide packed lunches which can be booked through the normal booking system.

Other information to share

- In line with the recent government guidance regarding face coverings, children at St John's will not be required to wear masks. In our local area transmission of Covid-19 is very low and we have carried out risk assessments and taken a number of precautions to minimise risk.
- Children are expected to wear the correct uniform when they return.
- If your child rides a bike or scooter please take these home with you.
- Breakfast club will run from 7:30am each weekday. Children will need to be dropped off at the Smarty Arty door and enter Breakfast Club on their own. Please book a place on Breakfast Club through parentmail if required.
- There will be no whole school gatherings in the main hall such as Worship. These will all take place virtually and be shown in the classroom.
- Please may we remind you children are not to bring rucksacks into school. Your child will need to bring their book bag and packed lunch, if needed, every day. If you find your child has too many things to carry into school, you may wish to use a carrier bag which can be folded up and placed in their book bag or tray when not in use.
- Weather permitting, PE and some other lessons will take place outside.



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As you can appreciate, all arrangements will be under ongoing review and changes may need to be made locally or nationally. We are following the national guidance, but your child's health, wellbeing and happiness is our priority during this period of transition.

From all of us at St John's, we wish you a pleasant last few days of the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you next week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Dufek', written in a cursive style.

Miss A Dufek
Acting Headteacher

