



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

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We hope you have had a restful summer and are looking forward to welcoming you back next week.

Following on from our initial communication in July regarding the full school opening, we wanted to write to you with a more comprehensive update on our plans for the reopening for all year groups **from** Monday 7th September.

Monday 7th September	Reception children return for Elmer Club Year 3 and 4 return to school
Tuesday 8th September	All children return to school

We will have a one-way system in September. The 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.

We are asking for different year groups to arrive and be collected at slightly different times. We appreciate that many of you have several children at the school and this may prove to be difficult. Families with siblings across both start times should all arrive for 8:45am and be collected at 3:05pm. Eg. If you have children in year 1 and year 4 please arrive by 8:45am and collect all children at 3:05pm.

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	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

Parents will be unable to enter the school building, therefore a member of staff will be allocated at entrance points to the school, taking any messages you may need to pass on to the class teacher.

	Drop off point	Collection point
Reception	Elephants outside area	Elephants outside area
Year 1	Smarty Arty door	Giraffes outside area
Year 2	Dolphins outside area	Dolphins outside area
Year 3	Back door (near church)	Playground door (as always)
Year 4	Smarty Arty door	Playground door (as always)

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.

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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.

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 process.

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 seeing you next week.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Dufek
Acting Headteacher

