



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

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August 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and well and have had an enjoyable, if not a little unusual, summer holiday.

The start of the new, exciting school year is upon us and prior to children starting back on **Wednesday 2nd September**, we wanted to just remind you of a few of the plans we have in place. Of course, these are subject to changes in governmental/ Department for Education advice. Also attached is some of the information from the newsletter sent at the end of term.

You will have seen in the news that secondary schools may be asking children to wear face coverings in communal areas. At this stage, this does not apply to primary schools and as such, there is absolutely no expectation for children to be wearing any face covering. Of course, we will be in touch if this changes. Some staff members may be wearing a form of face covering/shield, including at certain times which will probably include when administering first aid etc. Staff and children will wash hands upon arriving in school and also prior to leaving the building. This will also happen at several points throughout the school day as we continue to maintain good hygiene practices. Children's temperatures will not be taken at the school gate. Please can you talk to your child so they know that they may see a few of us in masks, either on the gate, or at times in school, and to not worry as we are still smiling underneath it!

School will look different to March, and to July, and children will largely remain in their classes throughout the whole day, other than when using the toilet etc and will have minimal contact with children in other classes. Upon our return, children are able to sit next to one another and will be doing so. Sadly, there will be no whole-school collective worship, assemblies, or church services at the moment, but on occasion, we will use online conferencing between classrooms so they can wave to their friends! At the start of the term, most children will eat lunch in the classroom, which can be sandwiches, or school meals which will continue to be available. There will be no breaktime snacks available at the start of term, so children should bring these from home if they wish.

Children are able to bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser (with their name on) into school if you wish - however, we will be washing hands plenty of times, so the sanitiser is not necessary. They will be unable to share this with others and must be shown at home how to safely apply and store this. We also have hand sanitiser available throughout school which contains alcohol. If you do not wish your child to use the school sanitiser, please let us know by email.

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To keep us all safe, please ensure that you strictly follow the timings and entrances for your child/children at both the start and end of the school day. Please remember that parents/carers cannot enter the school playgrounds during these periods and must remain in front of the gate where you will be met with your child/ children. There will be no access from the carpark to the front of the school. The carpark will also be closed at certain periods of the school day.

When bringing your child/ children to school, to keep you and others safe, please ensure that you follow the one-way system on the driveways, do not pass beyond the gate, and remain socially distant from one another. Although it may (understandably) be tempting to stop and have a chat to other parents whom you have not seen for some time, please do not do so on the school grounds, as we have staggered starts which are designed to reduce congestion and subsequent risk.

The government have advised that they expect all children to return to school. If, however, your child, or a family member, or member of your support bubble tests positive for, or shows any of the symptoms of, Covid-19, it is essential that they do not come to school and the family/ bubble isolate for a period of 14 days, or until a test result has been obtained. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature;
- a new, continuous cough – coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hours;
- a loss, or change to sense of smell or taste – they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell, or taste different to normal.

Should your child or a family/support bubble member display symptoms, please be tested as a matter of urgency and let school know if the result is positive, as we then have procedures in place which we must follow. Although we understand that it may be tempting to send your child in if someone in the house shows symptoms, but your child does not, please do not. It puts all of the children and their families, and the staff and our families at risk. Like you, we do not want this to happen. Indeed, the very last thing we want is for anyone in our school family to contract this virus and become unwell and by working together we can reduce the risk of this. Should there be cases in school, this could possibly lead to the closure of certain classes, or even the whole school.

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Should your child display any symptoms in school, we will support them and isolate them in a separate room with a member of staff until such time that you can collect them. Should we make this call to you, please, please come and collect as a matter of urgency so we can support your child's health and minimise risk to all of the school family.

Of course, some children (and adults) will still become unwell with illnesses which are not symptomatic of Covid-19. Should your child be sick, or have diarrhoea, please ensure that they remain at home for at least 48 hours since the last occurrence and let school know. This is to reduce any risk of this spreading to others.

Despite the best efforts of the rain, the work on the school roof has progressed throughout the summer and will continue into the new term. As there will be operatives on site and scaffolding and fences on parts of the playgrounds and school grounds, please remind your child (as we will) of the importance of staying safe and not playing near these areas. Due to the ongoing work, there will be periods when some classes may have to relocate to another part of the school, whilst the roof above their class is worked upon. However, during the first week, we anticipate that all children to be able to settle in *their* classroom.

If you have a child starting in Reception class, please feel free to bring their older brother or sister with you to the Reception class start time and entrance.

We understand that there may be a few additional nerves about returning, especially for those new to the school family, or who have been unable to attend since March. The staff team are very aware of this and will be using a range of activities to support this transition. We have also posted a few things on the school website which may help. The whole team are really, really excited about welcoming your child back to school and will always continue to support them and you.

If you have any questions or queries, as we cannot welcome any parents/carers into school at this time, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team on 01538 702355 (opt1), or email office@st-werburghs.staffs.sch.uk Class-specific email addresses will be operational in the new term and we will let you know when these are available once again and what the address for your class will be.

Yours sincerely,

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