

Love to learn, Love God, Love one another

4th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcoming back all children on Monday 8th March.

We are excited to be welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 8th March and look forward to once again seeing so many more of you, our wonderful parents and carers.

In school, although we have remained open each day and been teaching (either face-to-face or via Microsoft Teams), we have also been preparing for the 'full return' and have updated procedures and processes to meet the revised governmental guidelines. To continue to minimise risk, we monitor and review our procedures following updates from the Department for Education, the Local Authority, and our Health and Safety partners.

Children and adults will continue to wash hands, or use alcohol-based hand sanitiser when entering the building and prior to leaving. Hand-washing/sanitising and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routines will continue throughout the school day. If you do not wish your child to use the school-provided hand sanitiser, please let their class teacher know.

The School Day

- The start and end of the school day remain on similar times to last term and are staggered (and through different gates) to reduce the number of people in one place at one time.
- A change: should any groups of children be coming to/collected from school together e.g. siblings (brothers and sisters) in different classes, then they should be brought to the school at the earliest possible time for either of their classes, and collected at the latest possible time for either of their classes. For example, if you have a child that finishes at 3.15pm and one that finishes at 3.25pm, please collect both at 3.25pm. This is so children will not be missing valuable learning time by arriving late or going home early. If you are collecting a child from Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, please let us know from which gate you would prefer to collect.

	Car park gate			Front gate	
	Arrive	Collect		Arrive	Collect
Year 1	8.40am	3.20pm	Year 3	8.40am	3.15pm
Year 2	8.45am	3.25pm	Years 4/5	8.45am	3.20pm
Reception	8.50am	3.15pm	Year 6	8.50am	3.25pm

Please ensure that you follow the timings above as children will leave school in this order and we want to minimise the number of adults in one place at one time.













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When collecting or dropping off

- On the school site/grounds, please maintain **social distancing** of 2 metres from other adults and follow the **one-way system**. Although it may be tempting to stop and chat to a friend, please do not gather in a group and be mindful that health guidelines advise against this.
- Wherever possible, please can **only one** adult collect from school.
- To reduce risk to us all, whilst on the school site, we would prefer all adults to wear a face covering. Of course, we are mindful that some people in our community may not wear face coverings due to a number of medical reasons and thank you in advance for respecting this.
- Parents/carers will continue to collect and drop children with the staff at the school gates (unless also taking/collecting a child from the Kingsley Kingfishers). In the event that you need to collect/drop-off at other times, please arrange this via the school office.
- Please do not pass through, or drive onto, the school car park.

Wraparound Care

To support working parents/carers in these times, school continue to offer wraparound care. The Department of Education state that this should only be used 'where it is necessary to support parents/carers to work, attend education and access medical care, and to support pupil's wider education'. If your child has not accessed wraparound previously and they now need to, please contact the school office for further details. All places need to be pre-booked.

Additional Measures

- As part of our additional safety measures, all of our staff here, and across our Trust, have the opportunity to undertake Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly at home.
- Upon the children's return, staff will be wearing a face covering whilst outside at the start and
 end of the school day, and also whilst in communal areas in the school but please reassure
 your child that the smiles will still be there underneath the covering! Adult face coverings are
 not essential in the classroom. Staff will continue to wear appropriate equipment when
 administering first aid.
- Children will remain in their class 'bubbles' and similar to the autumn term, this will include break and lunch times.
- Currently, there can be no Collective Worship or assemblies whereby more than one class is the hall. However, as a proud church school we will continue to share in Collective Worship and celebrations using video conferencing, including special Worship kindly led by Rev. Sue.
- The Department of Education state primary school-aged children DO NOT need to wear a face covering.













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What to bring in

- As a school, we have decided that currently children **may only bring a wipeable plastic bag** to carry their things for the day. This is then easily cleanable when the children return home each evening. A pencil case is not needed, as stationery will be provided in school.
- P.E. kit (to remain in school) this can be in a drawstring/ 'usual' bag as it will not be regularly travelling between school and home.
- Water bottle (to contain water, not juice etc.).
- Sanitary products if needed by some of our older girls.
- Coats (and hats, gloves and scarves if chilly).
- A healthy break-time snack (no nuts, or nut-based items please).
- Lunch if not choosing a school meal on that day (no nuts, or nut-based items please).
- Inhalers if needed and we have a signed care plan in school.
- Completed Home-Learning books*.
- ALL reading books as these need to be returned to school*.
- Homework*.

(*on days set by the class teacher)

- Tissues and hand sanitiser (if you prefer however, these will be available in school).
- Should your child be receiving medication, please contact the school office. Under no circumstances must children bring in **ANY** medication to keep in their bag or tray.

Please do not bring in any nuts

During this period of lockdown we have been made aware that one of our pupils has shown a severe nut allergy. We all want to keep all of our children safe, and as such, when we return, **children will not be able to bring into school any nuts, or nut-based snacks** (including, but not limited to, cereal bars, granola bites which contain nuts, Snickers, Bounty, peanut butter etc.). If you are unsure about whether to bring in a snack for concern that it contains nuts, please leave it at home. All food packaging lists ingredients which details if nuts are contained. Although we appreciate that this may present a little more challenge when planning lunches and snacks, it is simply a precaution to keep a child safe, which is, again, what we all want.

What to wear

- Children should come to school in full school uniform. This includes black shoes; not trainers, sandals, or boots. We appreciate that some children's shoes may not fit at the moment and shoe shops are not open, so should this be the case, please speak to your child's teacher and ensure that all footwear is appropriate for school.
- Please can children wear a jumper/cardigan and a coat. As rooms remain ventilated throughout the day, you may wish for your child to also wear a vest.
- Children do not need to bring a face covering into school.













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Symptoms and self-isolation

Should your child, or anyone in the household or support bubble, display symptoms of Covid-19, please arrange for a Covid-19 test **as soon as possible** and **keep your child/children at home until the result is known**. In the event of a positive test, or contact from NHS Test and Trace, you must self-isolate **all** members of the household for 10 days. Symptoms include a new and continuous cough, a high temperature, or a loss of (or change in) their normal sense of taste or smell. We wish to keep all members of our school family safe, however, in the event of a positive case, we may again need to temporarily close 'bubbles' or possibly the whole school. It is important that you keep school informed of any symptoms, cases, or possible cases.

For more advice, visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

P.E.

Our P.E. curriculum timetable is below, but is subject to change. Unfortunately, there will still be no swimming lessons. Children need an indoor and outdoor P.E. kit in school at all times.

Reception	Tuesday & Wednesday	Year 3	Wednesday & Friday
Year 1	Monday & Friday	Year 4/5	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Tuesday & Thursday	Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

Of course, we understand that some children, and adults, may be feeling a little nervous about the return to school. The team will continue to support children and help them to adapt to being back and in full classes again. If you have any specific concerns, or if any home circumstances have now changed, please let their teacher know. For the remainder of the term, children will also enjoy regular sessions focusing on their wellbeing.

Your support throughout this period and as we prepare to welcome back all children, is highly appreciated and means a lot to us all. Thank you.

Take care and we very much look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th March.

The St. Werburgh's team









