



St Andrews CE Primary School has sent you a message

Parent Message

Hi Parents

I can now confirm arrangements for at least the first 5 days of our return. We may, depending on our review of levels of safety - especially on entry/exit, decide to amend or 'tweak' certain aspects as we go along.

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Please note that the arrangements /dates/times for Nursery and Reception are different to other Year Groups for obvious reasons: these kiddies and their families are either experiencing their first ever day in school and/or an 'induction' process has first to be completed for any family 'new to St Andrew's'.

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Drop-off and Collection,

It is important that social distancing measures are followed during drop-off and collection and that everyone follows the one-way systems in place on the school site.

Only one parent to bring their child and please, no unnecessary lingering or waiting on the playgrounds

Thank You.

We are hoping that queuing will be kept to a minimum. But there may be some queuing at drop-off and collection. We need everyone's support and understanding that social distancing must be kept at all times and any younger children/ toddlers to be closely supervised.

We will, (sometime before our return) email you a link to a short video on YouTube explaining the new arrangements (which gates/doors etc.) as set out below.

It is reasonable to assume that the queuing will take longer on the first few days as everyone gets used to the new procedures.

Children will need to come into the school building on their own.

Children must please bring their own hand sanitizer to supplement our school hand cleaning arrangements.

Parents must avoid coming into the school building and this should only happen if there is a pre-arranged meeting. The school office will only be accessible during the day via by phoning 825659 from the blue gate at the front car park.

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Drop-off and Collection Arrangements:-

As required by the government, there will be a staggered start and finish to the school day so as to reduce the number of people on our playgrounds at any one time.

We are shortening lunchtimes by 30 minutes.

Amount of teaching time will not be reduced for any Year Group, indeed there will be a slight increase to support our 'catch up' programme.

The timetable...(to be reviewed after the first 5 days)

Y6 will start at 8.20 through the Large Playground gate. Finish time will be 2.10 from the same gate.

Y5 and Y1 will start at 8.35. Y5 through the Large Playground gate. Y1 through the Small Playground gate. Finish time will be 2.25 from the same gates.

Year 4 and Y2 will start at 8.50. Y4 through the Large Playground gate. Y2 through the Small Playground gate. Finish will be 2.40 from the same gates.

Year 3 will start at 9.05. Y3 through the Large Playground gate. Finish will be 2.55 from the same gate.

DAY 1 for Reception: - Reception classes (just for Day 1) are individually staggered due to the fact that more than one parent may wish to turn up on this their kiddies first day ever in the 'Big School.

9.05 Mrs Wallers class through the Small Playground gates.

9.25 Miss Goforth's Class through the Small Playground gates.

9.45 Mrs Butler/Miss Homer's Class through the Nursery side gate

10.30 entry time (through Small Playground) is for those Reception parents whose kiddies were not in our Nursery - we need first to have a short Induction talk. Your children will then join their class after this induction meeting. (This meeting may be held outside)

Finish time for all Reception will be 2.55 from same gates

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On DAY 2 all Reception classes will start at 9. 05

So, Day 2 Reception- Two Reception Classes (ITW and KG classes) through the Small Playground gates. Miss Homer/Mrs Butler through the Nursery side gate Finish at 2.55 from the same gates.

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Some Nursery children - but not all - will start on Thursday 10th September. - BUT ONLY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO WERE ALREADY IN OUR NURSERY LAST TERM.

THESE Nursery parents will enter by the Small Playground - But exit through the Nursery side gate (one way system is important) Morning Nursery start 8.20 finish - 11.20

Afternoon Nursery start 12.30 finish 3.30

All Nursery children will exit by the side Nursery gate.

OTHER NURSERY CHILDREN, WHO ARE STARTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, WILL BE PHASED IN, (THIS IS NORMAL PROCEDURE) STARTING DURING WEEK BEGINNING 14th SEPTEMBER OVER A 2 WEEK PERIOD. THEIR PARENTS WILL BE SENT FURTHER INFORMATION WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

All Year Groups:-

Sorry, but It will not be possible to drop off or collect children at a different gate or at a different time to that stated above for any Year Group.

We ask parents to please be prompt and move speedily/carefully - for those who enter by the Small Playground gate, you must please exit by the other gate across the playground so as not to block up the 'entry' gate.

Late comers will not necessarily be allowed in immediately. No late comers will be allowed entry by the Small Playground. All late comers will need to go to the Large Playground gate and please wait patiently until a member of staff informs you that it is safe for your child to enter....this may take quite some time until the Large Playground is clear. We will monitor the late comers situation very carefully - some schools (nationally) are apparently stating that any late comer must return home. We feel this is a little harsh, but helps to illustrate how determined schools are to highlight their safety measures.

We all need to make sure the new routines work smoothly without any family putting pressure on the system by not sticking to their designated entry/ exit times. Thank you.

However, please remember that we are - and always will - allow any parent /child with special medical or similar conditions to be allowed special arrangements due to their particular needs. But please inform me or your child's class teacher of any such request asap .

At exit times, parents are asked again to please be prompt. You may wait on the appropriate playground - collect your child (maybe from each playground for those with more than one kiddie)

All children - for the first few days will exit at their designated Year Group time.

Reminder:- At drop off and collect times, sorry, but parents cannot wait around too long or linger on the playgrounds

Whilst the school day times have temporarily changed, it is lunchtime that has been

reduced in length and not any lesson time... the crucial factor remains Health and Safety for all.

'Play' opportunities will not be affected as we are planning varied/ flexible playtimes which, in fact, are a policy we have used at St Andrew's for the last 18 Years. Also, PE will largely be outdoors as well as further development of our long standing principles of Outdoor Education and Health Education.

Gates will open approx. 5 minutes before the advertised times stated above.

These first few days' arrangements will be reviewed daily.

As promised in yesterday's email I have put together a '**Letter for Employers**' - this will be sent to you separately immediately following this Parent Message.

A further email on opening arrangements will follow tomorrow (Wednesday).

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Please note, all parents will be sent the confirmed class email address of their child's 'new' class teacher before school reopens.

Regards

Graham Huckstep.

Keep Safe