



St Wulstan's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very much looking forward to reopening to all of our children from Monday 8th March 2021.

Please find below further details and guidance on how we will operate upon the reopening of St Wulstan's. It is vital that you read this letter in detail to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils, parents and staff. We would be extremely grateful if you could share the procedures and guidance with your child (at an appropriate level) so that they know what to expect when they return to school.

The procedures remain the same as the Autumn Term, which will help the children settle into school life again quickly. Please be reassured that our staff will provide the children with a warm welcome every day and will ensure that their emotional and mental well-being is the priority. We want you and your children to feel safe at St Wulstan's and will continue to provide them with the excellent pastoral care that we pride ourselves on as well as ensuring that they are kept as physically safe as is manageable.

Class Organisation and Safety Procedures

The following organisational and safety procedures have been put in place:

- Children will be placed in a year group bubble.
- In line with government guidance, children will not be socially distanced within their bubble.
- Each bubble will not be permitted to mix with any other bubbles.
- Each bubble will have their own classroom hygiene station with hand cleaning facilities
- Each child will have access to an individual set of resources including stationery – sharing of resources will be limited.
- All break and lunch times will be staggered to ensure that there is no contact between each bubble.
- Staff will ensure that regular hand washing takes place throughout the day.
- Surfaces in classrooms, equipment and communal areas such as toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day and at the end of each day.
- All spaces will be well-ventilated and that doors and windows remain open if it is safe to do so.
- Parents must ensure that they have provided the school office with any changes to contact details. It is extremely important that we are able to quickly contact parents.

Uniform and Equipment

- Children are able to wear winter uniform (white shirt/blouse and tie with grey skirt/pinafore for girls and grey trousers for boys) as normal. Summer uniform (red polo shirts and shorts for boys, pink or red summer dresses for girls) may be worn after Easter.
- Children will be required to bring in their PE kit on the first day of term, making sure that this includes a pair of pumps or trainers that must remain in school.
- The items that your child will bring in to school must be limited to a coat, tissues, a packed lunch, a water bottle and reading book/homework diary. A school book bag or as small a bag as possible for these items is preferred (no key rings etc. on bags, please). **Pencil cases, other books, skipping ropes etc. are not permitted.**
- Children will be encouraged to bring their own pack of tissues with them in order that they can follow the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin It' guidance – lidded pedal bins will be available in each classroom.



Lunches

- Shires Catering will be providing a limited school lunch menu. This will take the form of a 'grab bag' hot lunch. The menu will be on the school website. These can be ordered using the usual ParentPay system.

Arrival and Dismissal

In order to maintain social distancing, the following procedures have been put in place:

- Arrival and dismissal times will still be staggered. It is extremely important for everyone's safety that these timings are strictly adhered to.
- If you arrive **before** the detailed time, you and your child must not enter the school site until your allocated time slot.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult on arrival at school – only one adult per child/family.
- **Adults must wear a face covering whilst on school premises.**
- **For everyone's safety, please approach and exit school as quickly as possible with no waiting or lingering on the pavement or road outside.**
- Please enter through the pedestrian gate **only** and adhere to the social distanced markings, on the school path and red fence, to form a queue to the **main entrance**.
- Each child will be greeted at the **main entrance** and sent to their classroom.
- Parents will then exit through the gate to the staff car park and follow the pedestrian path.
- The same procedure will take place for dismissal – please collect your child from the **main entrance** at the time detailed below.
- Any communications with staff must be made via telephone or email – there will be no opportunity for face to face conversations. Please use your child's year group email address.

Group	<i>Please continue to arrive at your child's arrival and dismissal time. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of your child's school day timings.</i>
Arrival Time	
Dismissal Time	

Pupils/Staff displaying Symptoms

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms if the test is positive.

If any child or member of staff becomes ill with confirmed COVID-19, immediate information will be published in accordance with government and Public Health England guidance.

School or Bubble closure/ Self-Isolation

In the event of an individual child or 'Bubble' isolation, home learning provision will be provided. This will be provided via Seesaw. New Home Learning books with Seesaw codes will be provided when the children return to school.

We have missed our children very much and look forward to 8th March when our wonderful school community can be fully together again.

If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact us via email or telephone.

Yours faithfully

KE Savage
Principal

