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## September Return – Information for Parents

Dear Parents,

I hope you have managed to have a restful break during these very strange times. We are looking forward to opening the school to all of our children on **Thursday 3rd September** in full **school uniform**. To ensure the safety of our children and staff, we have put various measures in place in accordance with the key government guidelines. We want to ensure children remain in consistent groups and maintain social distance wherever possible. We understand that many children will be anxious and nervous returning to school after such a long period of absence and we will do everything possible to ensure a happy and smooth transition back into our St Teresa's family.

### Who will be returning?

School will be open to **all year groups**, including Nursery in September. Even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding. Classes will return to full numbers from September with COVID precautions in place across school. **We are expecting all of our children to attend as it is mandatory.**

### What about Social Distancing?

Social distancing remains a concern for all but especially for the younger children. The age groups of the children do mean that it will be extremely difficult, probably impossible, for staff to ensure children remain apart at all times but they will be reminded of the need to try to social distance. We are aiming to reduce the risk further by keeping children in phase 'bubbles'.

### What is a Bubble?

Following government guidelines, we intend to keep each class together at all times, with the same teacher and support staff, if possible. This may not be possible, for example when children are taught by part time staff or when a member of staff is unwell.

St Teresa's will operate 4 bubbles, with contact between classes being kept to a minimum:

Early Years – Nursery & Reception

Key Stage 1 – Year 1 & 2

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 & 4

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 & 6

Children will be kept together in their bubbles and avoid contact with other bubbles to reduce the risk of transmission. To maintain distancing during break time every bubble will have their own playground or marked zone within the playground.

### What will their day look like?

Our school day will run as normal following the timings of a normal school day. We will not be staggering start/end times as this causes problems for families with more than one child. **School will start at 8:50am and finish at 3:15pm** (Nursery 9:00 am to 3:00 pm). Children will enter and exit school via the normal access points. Year 5 and 6 (annexe door), Year 3 and 4 (doors on small playground), Year 1 and 2 (doors on back playground) and Reception/Nursery (doors from Early Years classrooms).

Breaks will happen in designated outside spaces so that the children remain in their 'bubble'. The kitchen will still be selling break but the menu will be slightly reduced, a break list will be issued at the beginning of term. A new process will be implemented to ensure that bubbles do not mix at the serving hatch.

School lunch will be staggered to ensure that bubbles are in the hall separately and a full clean down can be carried out between sittings. Children will wash their hands before and after eating. Children will be able to have school lunches or their own sandwiches as usual. There will be some changes to the way that school meals are ordered to reduce the amount of time spent in the hall during lunch, children will bring a menu home on a Wednesday you will need to provide menu choices for the following week and return the form to school by the Friday. As we can only fit 3 sittings into lunchtime Nursery and Reception will eat their lunches in the classroom. If children are bringing their own lunch, they can bring it in their usual lunch bag which will be taken into their classroom. Children can bring a water bottle from home as usual.

All children and adults will wash their hands (or sanitise where this is not possible) whenever they enter the building or enter a classroom. Children will also sanitise their hands before using any equipment. They will also be encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day.

### What About Dropping Off and Picking Up?

Only one parent should bring your child to school and collect. The children will come immediately into school and straight into class. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed in school unless there is an emergency.

We will be operating a **one way system on the site**. Please enter via the entrance by the Little Den Nursery and leave by the exit by the presbytery. We will have a queuing system and social distancing procedures in place within the school grounds to ensure parents can drop off and collect their children whilst maintaining social distancing. To help with the flow of people, we would like parents to maintain social distance and to leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. We would encourage parents to wear face masks on site.

### What will my child need to bring?

The only items that children will need to bring into school are water bottle, PE Kit and lunch bag if necessary. We can continue to hold medication from home as long as the appropriate paperwork has been completed. We do not wish children to bring any resources or toys from home. School will provide each child with their own set of equipment that will not be used by any other child. Any resources that are shared (e.g. school laptop) will be thoroughly disinfected after use. Children do not need to bring their own hand sanitiser as we will provide this in school (including sanitiser for sensitive skin).

Children will need to come to school **wearing their school uniform**. Uniform is compulsory at St. Teresa's school. We will hopefully be learning outside more than usual so please make sure that they have a hooded

coat with them and hat, if the weather is good. If they can come into school with sun cream applied it would be appreciated. We will not be able to apply sun lotion.

### What will my child be learning?

St Teresa's will continue to provide an ambitious broad and balanced curriculum, as we have always done. We understand that every child will have had a different learning experience and have taken this on board when planning our return to school curriculum. Our prime target in the first few weeks will be the children's health and well-being. We will be dedicating time each day for mindfulness and the opportunity for children to share and discuss. We have put together a full recovery curriculum for the children which will also address the gaps in children's knowledge and skills and re-establishing good progress in all areas of the curriculum but this will be a gradual build-up as the term goes on.

PE will maintain an important part of the curriculum, all sports equipment will be thoroughly cleaned between each use. Unless the weather is extremely bad, we will be having PE outside therefore please ensure that children have their PE kit. **Children will be getting changed in school for PE.**

Music Lessons will start again in September, children will be grouped in their bubbles and equipment will be cleaned after each lesson.

### What Health and Safety procedures will be in place? (See Risk Assessment on School Website)

We are implementing an increased and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting routine within school and classrooms will have resources removed from them if they cannot be regularly cleaned and disinfected. Other resources will be disinfected regularly.

We will reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible. This also means that there will be **no whole school assemblies, class assemblies or collective worship in school or church.**

We have turned off the hand dryers to the toilets and purchased new hand towel dispensers. We have increased the signage around the school reminding children to keep their distance and hygiene procedures. We will continue to promote regular hand washing for 20 seconds. Windows and doors will be kept open where possible (even if the weather is chilly) so please ensure that children have a jumper or cardigan every day. There will be frequent cleaning of surfaces using anti-bacterial wipes and sprays. We will ensure good respiratory cleaning by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

Following recommendations from government, **tables will be set up in rows, facing forwards** where possible.

### What if my child becomes ill?

First aiders will be in school at all times. All first aiders have been provided with the relevant PPE to ensure that they can administer Emergency First Aid. All PPE equipment will be replaced after contact with a pupil. For minor injuries pupils may be asked to administer cold compress etc under the supervision of a staff member.

If a child falls ill and displays symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough or high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell), they will be removed from class and taken to our medical room. Parents will be called to take them, and any siblings home immediately. Please make sure that we can contact you at all times. We will advise parents that they should follow government guidelines and not bring their child to school for 7 days and their siblings for 14 days as guidelines state. We will ask that you take your child to have a COVID test, which will be available to children attending school including children under 5. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. Access to testing via: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

### **What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?**

“Schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone who has attended has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Schools should contact the local health protection team. This team will also contact schools directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.” In the event of two positive tests in the same class, ALL children and staff in that group will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. By the Autumn Term, all schools will be provided with a small number of home testing kits that they can give directly to parents/carers collecting a child who has developed symptoms at school, or staff who have developed symptoms at school, where they think providing one will significantly increase the likelihood of them getting tested. Advice will be provided alongside these kits.” We will ensure work is set for children during the isolation period.

### **Before and After School Club**

St Teresa’s Childcare Club will continue to operate from 7th September 2020. All bookings are managed by St Teresa’s Childcare Club and not by the school so please forward all queries to [stteresaschildcareclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stteresaschildcareclub@hotmail.co.uk)

Unfortunately school run after school clubs will not be able to operate from 7<sup>th</sup> September, we understand that these are a huge help to many parents and hope that we can re-introduce after school clubs before October half term. To ensure that bubbles and hygiene standards are maintained clubs may differ to previous years. As soon as we have clubs in place we will send out booking forms, as always places will be limited.

### **Thank you**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you all for your tremendous support during these unprecedented times. We are all really looking forward to seeing the children again and trying to return to some form of normality.

If you have any worries or concerns please come and speak to me.

Many thanks

Mr N Price

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