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Dear Families,

September Wider Re-opening of School

Firstly, we are delighted to be able to share with you our plans to welcome back all children to school from September 2020. We appreciate that there will be many emotions surrounding the Government's decision to reinstate statutory attendance expectations from September and as such we want all our families to know that we respect and understand those varying emotions. We also want to reiterate that we are here, as always, to share and talk through questions and concerns with every family, whenever these arise. We want to work in partnership to make the way forward safe for all of us in our school community: the children, our families and our staff.

Although school has remained open throughout the pandemic, September will of course be the first time that all children are returning since March. Therefore, what is going to be important is that we work together to create as much safety and security as possible for our children. We want school to return to being a safe space where our children feel relaxed and happy as quickly as possible.

Again this is going to require all of us within our community to be flexible and open-minded. Aspects of school life are still going to be very different and are likely to change as we respond and learn from the shared daily experiences of our children, staff and families coming together.

With that at the forefront of our minds, we wish to continue to be open and honest about what we feel will be needed, both from ourselves and from you as our parent and carer community, so that we can all be safe and stay healthy as we begin the return of our wonderful children to school again.

We continue to base our plans on the following principles, with guidance on what these principles mean in practice. We are sorry there is a lot of information below, but for everyone's safety, including that of your own child and family members, please read it all carefully.

We will have the safety and good health of our children, staff and family community at the forefront of our actions and decisions.

In practice this will look like:

- Only coming into school if staff, children, parents/carers are fully well (please see the further detail at the end of this letter)
- All in school seeking to practise social distancing as much as is possible across Class 'bubbles'



*'The Lord says I will guide you along the best pathway for your life.
I will advise you and watch over you' (Psalm 32 v8)*

- Each Class will become a 'bubble' having its own drop-off and pick-up time. Please see the information about your child's drop-off time and location below. We appreciate that you may have different children with different times but we respectfully ask that you arrive at your allocated time for each Class 'bubble' and that only one person accompanies each child in order to reduce the numbers of people. We also ask that you do not congregate outside school and that you leave as soon as you have safely dropped off or picked up your child. If Year 6 children have permission to walk to and from school unaccompanied, they will be able to do so, with new letters for permission to follow this letter.
- The local crossing patrol will hopefully be operating again and we will let you know any updates ASAP.

We will recognise that living through this pandemic is challenging for us all and as such will approach all interactions with kindness and respect for each individual's perspective.

In practice this will look like:

- Keeping up clear communication between home and school to make sure that everyone is aware of how things are going to be or if there are any further changes. We will continue to produce the weekly newsletter on a Monday, Class Blogs on a Friday and the school office will be open from 8.30am to 4.00pm.
- We are currently working with our Sports Coaches, external club providers and staff to hopefully - once things are settled upon our return in September - be able to start running some Class 'bubble' clubs.
- Marple Child Care will be able to offer wrap around care from September. Please liaise with them directly regarding your questions and needs <http://www.marplechildcare.com/>. We would also like to remind you of the Government advice to try and limit the number of different wraparound care providers where possible for your children in order to keep everyone safe and reduce the numbers of contacts.

We will share any concerns or worries that we have in a respectful way and be open to listening to each other's perspectives, seeking to problem solve together.

In practice this will look like:

- Home and school keeping in touch over any concerns around changes in children's physical or emotional health.
- Recognising that the pandemic context may lead to changing circumstances, such as the closure of Class 'bubbles', which could mean that there are last minute changes around school arrangements that impact on us all.
- Our preferred method of communication eg. our 'Open Door Policy' having to change due to the current circumstances. We respectfully ask that you do not use pick-up and drop-off times to try to speak to staff. In order to ensure social distancing can be adhered to we need to stringently stick to the timing slots for each Class 'bubble'. As such, we encourage you to continue to communicate with class staff via Tapestry and DB Primary. We also ask that you do not come to the office, as we will be using electronic communication and not physical letters wherever possible. The only exception will be to drop off medication, which needs to be accompanied by the parental form (please e-mail this over - follow this link to access the form

<http://www.allsaints-pri.stockport.sch.uk/stockport/primary/allsaints-pri/site/pages/parents/downloadableforms>).

We recognise that working together in a strong relationship around our children is going to be the best way forward in helping them to feel that their return to school in September is safe and welcomed.

In practice this will look like:

- Speaking reassuringly to our children that we are all working together to keep each other safe. Each child before returning will have had the opportunity to meet their new class teams, both virtually and in person and will receive a child-friendly letter to share and discuss. We will also be asking our children what would help them feel comfortable on their return to school.
- Sharing similar messages around the importance of washing our hands and listening carefully to adults to make sure we are keeping ourselves and each other safe (a poster will be shared so we can all use the same language and expectations around washing hands).
- Reducing the anxiety and stress around expectations of learning, progress etc. by making clear to the children that wellbeing is the first and main priority, and regularly re-iterating this. We will focus on Restorative Approaches, Jigsaw (PSHCE) activities to start with, as children need to feel safe and happy in their new environment before any learning can take place. As a result, the typical school day and 'learning' will need to be adjusted and may take some time to return to the way it was prior to lockdown.
- Continuing to follow our All Saints' Way expectations in line with our Rewards and Sanctions Policy and our Respect Charter.
- Homework consisting of the usual online activities and spelling. This approach will be reflected on carefully with a view to the normal expectations of homework being fully reinstated at some point.

Other information:-

- We ask that you only send in the minimal amount with your child eg. only a coat if needed and lunch box. No bags, toys, equipment etc. particularly as KS2 children will keep their belongings in their classrooms.
- Children can order a hot lunchtime meal. Reception and KS1 children will eat in the hall and KS2 children will have their lunches delivered to their classrooms. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 they will be eligible for a free meal as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. Information regarding the ordering of meals will be sent out separately.
- We are asking that children return to school in September in their School Uniform and also have a pair of trainers for PE, as we will not be expecting children to change for PE until the current guidance changes.
- The Government continues to advise against overnight educational visits at this stage. We will inform you of when this advice changes and the impact on our plans for next year ASAP. We will also look at re-introducing class trips as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support, cooperation and understanding. In the All Saints' Way we are all in this together and have the best interests of our children at the heart of all we do.

Yours thankfully,



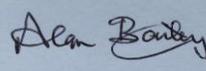
Helen Morton,
(Co-Headteachers)



Hannah Gaynor

and Alan Bailey

(Chair of Governors)



Response to any infection

As a school we must engage with the NHS Test and Trace process. As such we must ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

The government will ensure that it is as easy as possible to get a test through a wide range of routes that are locally accessible, fast and convenient. We will release more details on new testing avenues as and when they become available and will work with schools so they understand what the quickest and easiest way is to get a test. 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 ask parents and staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu - in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Pick up and Drop off Timetable from September 2020

Class Bubble	Reception	Year 1 (Previously Year 2 classroom)	Year 2 (Previously Year 1 classroom)	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start of day & collection point	9.05am at Infant gate	8.55am at scooter rack gate into Class 1	8.55am at Infant gate	8.45am at Infant gate	8.45am at scooter rack gate via main entrance	8.55am at Junior gate	8.45am at Junior gate
End of day & collection point	3.25pm at Infant gate	3.15p at scooter gate via Class 1 door	3.15pm at Infant gate	3.05pm at Infant gate	3.05pm at scooter rack gate via main entrance	3.15pm at Junior gate	3.05pm at Junior gate

We also respectfully ask that for everyone's safety, particularly as families will be both arriving and leaving at the same time, you avoid driving onto Brickbridge Road whenever possible. Thank you very much in advance.