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## **Reopening of Schools - updated for January 2021**

The following explains the Covid-19 health and safety measures in place for the return of all children to St John's in January. The decisions have been made to comply with the government guidelines, 'Guidance for Full Opening of Schools' and the 'System of Controls' from Public Health England. (published 2<sup>nd</sup> July, latest update: 30th December)

### **Attendance**

Cornwall moved to Tier 3 on 30th December. Full time attendance is still compulsory for all primary school children in this Tier. Registers will be taken as normal, using the correct coding. At the time of writing, children not attending school for reasons other than illness or self isolation are coded unauthorised.

### **Illness**

Children **MUST NOT** attend school if they are showing any of the symptoms for Coronavirus: high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of/change in taste or smell. Parents must book a test and keep all siblings at home until the result is known. If the test is positive, the child and all siblings must isolate for 10 days. If any household member has been in contact with someone else outside the home testing positive, they must personally isolate for 10 days, but other household members can continue to come to school.

Please notify the school immediately, if your child shows symptoms or you have a test result. There are protocols and decisions which need to be made should an outbreak occur - thank you in advance, for enabling us to act quickly.

### **The School Building**

Only staff and children can enter the main building. If parents need to ask questions or discuss anything, we ask that they either phone or email the office or, Dojo the member of staff directly. Please use ParentPay to pay for school dinners, rather than cash and avoid having to come to the office as much as possible. Any parent/visitor entering the office area must be wearing a face covering. Myself or Mrs Lobban will be on the gate each morning and afternoon but, due to the distancing guidance, will not be able to hold long or confidential conversations with parents in the playground. Parents must prepare their children before arriving, for feeling confident enough to come into the classroom on their own with their teacher, without them coming in too. Ideally, any child confident enough, should walk from the gate to their classroom independently, meaning parents can leave the site more quickly.

### **Arriving and Leaving School**

Please wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting your child, unless you are exempt. Parents can park for 15 minutes for free at the train station or on nearby roads. The car park is strictly for staff and parents of disabled children only. To minimise numbers of people coming through the gate and onto the grounds at any one time, start and finish times remain staggered:

**Years 1, 3 and 5: 8.30am - 2.45pm**

**Years Rec, 2, 4 and 6: 8.45am - 3.00pm**

Parents must keep to these times. Please do not arrive early and congregate at the gate and do keep your distance from other families. Children are not to stray from their parents or use the play trails whilst waiting for siblings to come out of school. The route for getting to the classrooms is marked with 2m distanced yellow lines. There is also a one-way route to enter and exit the grounds - please stick to this! Follow these lines (not cut across the grass area) and the one-way route for walking around the site. The exception is for parents with pushchairs, who cannot use the steps. If children are walking home on their own, please remind them to go straight home and not to mix with other children who are not in their year group, particularly those from local secondary schools.



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## Bubbles

The year group and staff bubbles remain and have their own resources, a designated playground and toilets. These bubbles remain in their classroom or playground and do not mix with any other bubble. We have arranged the classrooms (not Reception) so that each child faces the front and has their own work station and learning kit. Nothing will be shared with the exception of PE equipment, which will be cleaned after each use. Children will eat their lunch in their classroom. They will be reminded and encouraged to keep at least 1m apart. Children can continue to take reading books home. Adults will select the books for younger children and older children will be taught to only touch the book that they are selecting. Once read and returned, books are quarantined in a classroom box for 48 hours before being put back in the library. Our breakfast club is reopening for January (8am - 8.30am), but only with prior, regular bookings from parents (ie. no walk-ins) where siblings will sit in their family bubbles. At the moment, we are only accommodating those parents who need it to support their work commitments, with siblings attending - we would not want any child having to sit on their own for breakfast.

## The Curriculum

The school will be providing a full and broad curriculum, taking as many opportunities as possible to work outside. At the time of writing, it is not considered safe for indoor group singing and large group music lessons to take place. Nor local visits or trips. Assemblies can continue, but will be streamed online into the classrooms so that bubbles are not mixing together in the hall. Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times. They will wear clear face masks or visors in the classrooms, so children can read expressions/understand staff more easily. Should the school be required to close or a year group bubble told to stay at home, teachers will provide their curriculum remotely. Details of this can be found on our website.

## What to Bring and Wear to School

Please do not bring in items from home, including small toys. Children must bring a packed lunch if not having school dinner. Other than a reading book and drinks bottle, there is no need to bring anything else. Cloakrooms will not be in use and so any bag brought in will be stored next to each child in their classroom. If children have worn a face covering to school, they must bring something to safely and hygienically store it in (eg. a small plastic bag) when not being worn.

Full, winter uniform is to be worn from January. Well ventilated classrooms are part of the protective measures, which is easier said than done in winter. It is perfectly fine for children to bring extra jumpers/layers to wear on top of their uniform. Uniform can be worn for more than one day at a time before being washed. For PE day, children wear their sports kit to school and keep it on for the day. This does not have to be the usual red shorts/white t shirt if it is cold, but any comfortable sports clothing. Please resist using this as a home clothes day. Definitely sports kit and trainers are required - no jeans, fashion boots etc.

## Cleaning and Hygiene

Each classroom has a hand washing station, so children will wash their hands as soon as they enter the building. In addition to this, children will be asked to wash their hands regularly and always before lunch and after coming in from breaks. The school uses a soap suitable for sensitive skin and does not encourage use of hand sanitiser, which can be harsh on young children's skin. The cleaning rotas have been changed so that toilets and hard surfaces are cleaned twice a day. Each classroom also has their own set of cleaning materials and disinfectant so that staff can wipe down any surface or resource whenever they feel the need, especially high touch items such as door handles. A safety station has been set up so that staff can access first aid and cleaning materials near their classrooms.

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