



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

25.02.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again I am writing to invite you all back to school on Monday 8th March. We can't wait to see you all. As before, staff have continued to work hard to ensure that we all follow the Government guidance. Here are the key pieces of information that you need:

- Attendance is mandatory and the attendance procedures will be followed as before. Parents and carers will be expected to bring children in punctually at the times listed below and contact school if a child is absent.
- Children should wear school uniform and come to school in PE Kits on their games days. Staff will be sending out a class newsletter next week (as would normally happen at the start of a term).
- Breakfast Club will be available from 8th March.
- To protect staff when handling cash, St Andrews is now using 'Parent Pay' where parents and carers will be able to pay dinner money, trips etc online. I know that the majority of schools now do this. Please ensure that you are using this to pay for Breakfast Club and school meals.
- Packed lunches can be brought into school in lunchboxes as before and hot meals will be provided.
- Cloakrooms will be open and each class will have their own designated area in each cloakroom. So school bags, coats, pencil cases etc. can be brought in as before but stationery cannot be shared. We ask that children only bring the essentials into school.
- Children will be taught in full classes (or bubbles)
- Lessons will be taught, work will be marked etc. as before. Homework will also be given, including reading, spellings and times tables.
- Parents should only enter the school building by prior appointment and should wear a face mask at all times.

Start and end of the school day

To avoid Covid transmission, maintain class bubbles and to enable adults to socially distance, children will arrive at school and leave school at different times. It is essential that parents and carers stick to these times to avoid a large number of parents and children congregating on the yard. Staff will come to the entrance at the agreed time, ask the children to line up and then take the children into school. At the end of the school day, staff will stand at the exits and release children when they see their parent or carer as before.



Year Group	School Starts	School Finishes	Entrance	Yard
Nursery	8.50	3.00	EYFS small play area doors	KS1
Reception	8.50	3.00	Ramped entrance near Y1	KS1
Year 1	8.50	3.00	Door near Y2 (Talbot St side)	KS2
Year 2	8.50	3.00	Door near Oxford St	KS2
Year 3	8.40	3.15	Door near Y2 (Talbot St side)	KS2
Year 4	8.40	3.15	Ramped entrance near Y1	KS1
Year 5	8.40	3.15	Door near Oxford St	KS2
Year 6	8.30	3.15	Arrival: Door near Oxford St	KS2
			Exit: EYFS small play area doc	KS1

Please enter and exit the KS1 yard through the large gates. When using the KS2 yard, please follow the one way system; please enter using the gate on Oxford St and exit using the gate on Talbot St. When waiting for children, please stay behind the cones and please maintain social distancing with other adults and their children. If staff are on the yard supervising lines, please leave the yard. Although parents like to watch their children enter the building, this causes congestion so please leave the premises once children are in the line. Staff will help with any children who are reluctant to leave their families. Please do not stand near entrances and exits.

As before, to reduce the risk of Covid transmission, only one parent should be collecting a child from school. Also, adults should not be collecting children from other families. Children from different families should not be mixing on the yard, outside of school and at home; this breaks government guidelines and restrictions and helps to spread the virus between households. This puts your children and our staff at additional risk. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Break times and lunch times

Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered and, to enable this to take place, lunchtime has been reduced by 15 minutes. As lunchtime will be starting later for our older children, children will need a snack for playtime. As an example, Y6 arrive at school at 8.30 and won't be eating until 12.45 (which is similar to before as that used to be the 'last sitting') so a mid-morning snack is essential. During the Autumn Term, Year 2 will use the Junior Yard for playtime. Breakfast Club will be open (£1 a day) and break time snacks will be available to purchase for 50p a day from Breakfast Club staff.

Lesson time

Staff have identified key learning objectives that children have missed and these will be the focus in all areas of the curriculum. Your children will be busy!

At the front of each classroom is a 2 metre demarcation which teachers and teaching assistants will stay behind as adults are expected to socially distance even though children are not. Staff working with small groups can only do so for 15 minutes at a time so supporting children in lessons, particularly those with SEND, will be challenging. Children will each have their own stationery packs and any resources that are shared will be cleaned at the end of the day before passing to another bubble.

Miss Murfitt has joined our staff team from February half term. She is an Academic Mentor funded by the Covid Catch Up Grant and will be working with individuals and small groups until the summer break.



Whole school assemblies in the hall are not possible so assemblies will be held on a Monday and Friday using Zoom. I will inform parents and carers when they can access the first sharing assembly.

Learning Packs/Reading Books/NHS Art project

Tomorrow (26.02.2021) will be the last day of the Learning Pack Exchange. As usual, please could parents and carers return all completed work and take the pack for next week. Daily Zooms will also continue next week. There will not be a Learning Pack Exchange on March 5th. On Monday 8th March please could children return completed work packs along with any school reading books. Our reading stocks are very depleted and we would appreciate the return of any school books. Any/all books will be gratefully received – no matter how long children have had them at home. We would appreciate having them back in school! 8th March is also the deadline for the fabric squares for our NHS art project. Please could all completed squares be handed into school by then as they are being sewn together that week.

Staff/Bubbles isolating

School has contingency plans should staff and/or bubbles have to isolate; the Remote Learning Offer will be made available, including daily Zooms, learning packs and Zoom support from teaching assistants.

It may be necessary to invite supply teachers into school to cover staff absence in order that we can keep children in school. However, to avoid supply staff bringing Covid into school (as happened in October), all supply staff will have to complete a Lateral Flow Test on arrival and will only be allowed into classrooms if the test is negative. They will also be asked to sign the Visitors Code of Conduct Register and be closely supervised by members of the senior leadership team.

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please contact school. Thank you for your continued support, kind messages and hard work helping your children to learn at home. Staff here at school look forward to welcoming your children back on 8th March. Although we know that your children have missed being in school, I can honestly say that we have missed you more. We can't wait to see you.

God bless,

Joanne Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

