



“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!

11.03.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so amazing to see full classes once again! Here are some photos of what we've been doing so far:



We're introducing
thrive
in our Setting





During our Welcome Back Assembly we asked the children to list the top 3 things that they were looking forward to doing now that they are back in school. The general consensus was

1. Playing with their friends
2. Completing work in school including subjects like art and PE
3. Seeing their teachers

It has been lovely to see the children getting an opportunity to do all 3! A lot of children said that they looked forward to Cheryl's lunches, especially her cheese flan, which was on the menu on Tuesday!

Thank you

I'd like to say a huge thank you to our families for your messages of support and in helping us with the staggered times in the mornings and at the end of the school. Most families are helping us to keep our children, families and staff safe by remembering to:

Wear a mask on the school premises
Keep 2m apart on the yard
Staying behind the coned areas.

Thank you.

Can I politely remind families that, when waiting for children to come out, please can children stay with parents rather than run around the yard or climb on the equipment. This encourages children to mix with other families and class bubbles. Can I also ask that when the children are lining up, parents leave the yard. Please do not hold your child's hand when in the line as adults are then standing near children from different households. Our staff will supervise the lines and encourage children to come into the building if necessary. Please do not be offended if staff remind you about these measures that are in place to keep everyone safe.

Photos

Please can I ask that parents do not take photos of children on our premises. This is to ensure that we can safeguard our children. We do not have permission for all of our children to be photographed or shared.

Collecting children from other families

Adults should not be collecting children from other families unless it is an emergency. 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. Staff have spoken to a number of families as they have asked to take children that aren't in their household. I do appreciate that this can cause difficulties but it is measure in place to reduce Covid transmission.



Parking

As with most schools, drop off and pick up times are very busy. For the safety of our children and families, please do not park on the double yellow lines outside school on the main roads or down the back street behind school. Not only is it dangerous for pavement and road users but it limits the space on the pavements which reduces social distancing. Please help us to keep you and your children safe. I have been asked to collect the registration numbers of repeat offenders and pass them to the appropriate authorities.

Sharing Assemblies

We are reintroducing our Sharing Assemblies over Zoom starting with Y2 on 19th March and then Y6 26th March. Here is the information that you need:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6983754922?pwd=SWtGOW5DTUZDbWo2NnYvaXBacytCUT09>

Meeting ID: 698 375 4922

Passcode: StAndrews

Lateral Flow Testing

The majority of our staff are being tested twice weekly for Covid using Lateral Flow tests along with other staff that come into school like the Y3 music teacher and our ICT technician. These tests are now available for families of school age children. They are free, come in boxes of 7 and can be ordered directly from the DFE here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Please contact me at school if you would like further information.

Key Dates For Your Diaries

17th March – Full Governing Board Meeting

22nd March – assessments completed this week

31st March – start of Easter Break

19th April – return to school

10/17th May – Parents Meetings (by phone)

28th June - assessments completed this week

9th July – Reports will go home

14th July Full Governing Board Meeting



Quick Reminders

Please return all learning packs and reading books

Contact school if your child's medical needs have changed

Ensure that school has in-date medication that your child needs in school, e.g. blue inhalers for asthma

God bless,

Joanne Bladen-Kay

Head Teacher

'St. Andrews continues to be a good school... and is a happy place. The pupils that I spoke with are proud to belong to a school where the differences between people's culture and beliefs are celebrated. Pupils told me, 'We welcome everybody; we are all friends'. Staff are very proud to work at the school. Leaders and staff are determined that all pupils will achieve their very best.' OFSTED 28.01.2020

