



Sandford St. Martin's

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this update finds you safe and well. It has been the oddest of summers and you will have seen and heard how advice and guidance about COVID and the return to school has been published, updated and changed. We are working hard here at school to ensure that our **full** reopening (we never actually closed March-July!) provides for the safest of environments as well as continuing to offer a broad and balanced curriculum.

- **Drop off and collection** – please can I remind you that where possible only 1 parent should be dropping and collecting children to their classroom door. Parents will not be allowed to enter classrooms. Reception,

Saplings, Year 1 and 2 walk to the RIGHT as you look at the school and continue on the one way system to leave the site.

KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6) walk to the LEFT of the school and come back along the same path to leave.

If you have more than one child it is best to turn right through the gate and circle the building anti clockwise. Please refer to previous correspondences re the times for each year group.

Staff will be outside the building to aid and assist as we all get used to these arrangements. Hopefully the staggered start and end is of benefit to the traffic/car parking at school run times!

- **Equipment** - your child will need a named water bottle and lunch box, if they are not having a hot meal. They do not need to bring any equipment from home we will provide pencils, pens etc. School bags should be kept to a minimum if needed at all.
- **Face masks** - guidance for Primary school's states that pupils do not need to wear face masks. We will be following this guidance. If your child arrives at school wearing a mask they will be asked to put it into a sealable bag and store it in their tray for the day. Please ensure that a bag is provided for this. If you need to the school site for any reason you, like all visitors and cross-bubble staffing, will need a mask or face shield.
- **Behaviour** - we have always had high expectations of behaviour at Sandford St Martins and this has not changed. Our expectations of all pupils on return is that they follow all instructions, are polite and well-presented and are positive and supportive role models for each other. Now more than ever we need to work as a community for the safety of everyone as well as to ensure we get pupils back on track with their learning.



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- **COVID/Corona Virus related issues** – It is essential that any child who is displaying any of the COVID-19 symptoms does not attend school. We have been given very strict guidance about how to respond to a potential COVID case. If your child is displaying symptoms in school they will be asked to go to the designated COVID room, you will be asked to collect your child and then be required to have them tested. Your child will only be allowed back in school on our receipt of the evidence of the negative test result. If the test is positive you must inform us immediately at which point, we will be subject to the guidance of Public Health England.
- **Systems to protect pupils** - we have all of the expected systems in place to provide for a safe environment: hand soap in every classroom, desks facing the front, staggered break and lunch and a clear system for movement in the corridors. These will be explained and walked through on your child's first day in school.
- **Blended learning** - all schools are planning for the eventuality that some students may need to self-isolate for up to 14 days and are therefore working on ensuring their online learning facilities are up to the job. We plan to continue to use Class Dojo as an informal communication link with teachers in the first instance. You will receive the Class Dojo needed to access the new teacher(s) in the coming days.
- **Visitors to school** - we are not actively encouraging visitors to school and where possible, we are carrying out meetings via Zoom or email or phone. Please do not just 'pop' into the school office at the beginning or end of the day, please phone/email in the first instance. This includes contacting and discussing any issues with senior leaders.

I know that the tone of this email will seem impersonal but I also know you will appreciate how important it is that we get this right, together. I personally cannot wait to see all of the children back in school and I know the staff feel the same. As always, if you have any questions, please do get in contact with us.

With my very best wishes,

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