



25 August 2021

Dear Parents/Grandparents,

### **September 2021 Arrangements**

We hope that everyone is having a lovely summer break and that children are all refreshed and ready to return to school soon. Following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions in school, we wanted to advise our families of arrangements that will be in place on our return to school.

School will reopen for all pupils on Monday 6th September 2021.

We will continue to stagger our start and finish times for the first half term as this has worked well and the local community have noticed the effect of cars dropping off and leaving promptly. We are looking to allocate drop off and collection times based on parent need rather than surnames and a short survey is going out to parents about this. We will let you know drop off and collection time allocations next week when we have reviewed the responses to this survey.

All parents will need to drop children off at the gate and parents will not be permitted on site as we have found this helps our children settle quicker and children become more independent in carrying their own items into school.

We would kindly ask that parents continue to wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their child to ensure the safety of all our families including those that may be more vulnerable.

School continues to work with the landlady at the White Hart and staff remain able to park in the pub car park. This has helped increase the space available outside the church for parents to park and we are very grateful to the White Hart for this.

Children may bring a small pencil case to school with pencils, pencil crayons, rubber, pencil sharpener, small ruler and a glue stick. Please avoid material or fluffy pencil cases as we want to be able to spray or wipe items down when necessary. Robin class pupils do not need a pencil case.

All children should be using a school bookbag. If you do not have one, these are available to purchase from school. Please email the school office for more information.

We ask that children continue to come to school wearing their PE kit on their given PE day. This arrangement will continue for at least the first half term. Class teachers will notify you of your class PE day once the timetables have been finalised.



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Lunch time arrangements will return to normal, and children can bring in their own lunchboxes if they are having a packed lunch.

The government guidance no longer recommends bubbles in schools and all of our classes are now able to mix freely. However, guidance does suggest that it may be necessary to reintroduce bubbles depending on case numbers in our local area and we will let you know if this does happen.

We continue to be extremely mindful of Covid-19 and ask that if your child has any possible symptoms, you do not send them in to school and consider taking them for a PCR test. If you send your child in to school and they are showing signs of being unwell, we will ask you to come and collect them and take them for a test.

Pupils are now no longer required to isolate if someone in their household has Covid-19, but they are advised to take a PCR test.

If your child has a positive PCR test, they will need to self-isolate and must not leave their home. They should self-isolate for 10 full days from the date that their symptoms started, or from the day that they took their test if they do not have symptoms. They may however need to self-isolate for longer if they start to have symptoms while self-isolating or the symptoms do not go away.

Remote learning is available if a child does need to self-isolate and information will be given by the class teacher in this eventuality.

We will continue with the following arrangements in school:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- Pupils with Covid-19 symptoms should not attend school.

If your child has been on holiday or travelled overseas during the 10 days prior to returning to school, please ensure that you adhere to any requirement for your family to quarantine or isolate upon return.

Full government guidance can be found by following the link below: <https://bit.ly/3kgNZp7>

If you have any questions at all, please contact school via email – [info@st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-andrews-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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