



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Information about the full reopening of St Augustine's CE (VA) School on Monday 8th March 2021

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. As we approach the end of this extraordinary Spring term, we are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next week. A school is a community and sadly for too long now we have not been able to all be together.

I thought I should update you on the work we are doing to ensure we reopen safely for all our children and staff at St Augustine's next week.

Actions we are taking before the end of this week:

- *Updating the risk assessment for full reopening which addresses all the points in the latest government and Public Health England guidance for schools.
- *Developing a reopening plan where all risks are mitigated as far as possible and completing consultation on the plan with staff and governors.

Safety Measures

Social distancing will be applied as far as possible but the Government has acknowledged that this will be difficult with young children. Children will be in class 'bubbles' and the same staff will remain with each bubble as far as possible. Bubbles will not come into contact with other bubbles during the day, including lunchtime and playtime. Strict hygiene rules will be followed with regard to the washing of hands and the cleaning of all surfaces and equipment. Anyone displaying symptoms will be immediately isolated and parents contacted to collect them.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Arrival and departure times will be staggered to stop queues forming and groups congregating.

Your child must be accompanied by **one adult only**.

All adults MUST wear a face mask on school premises.



KS2 children will be encouraged to be dropped off at the end of the school drive and walk up to school independently. School staff will be outside to guide and greet children.

Please note, the drive leading up to school will be closed to all traffic during drop off and pick up times. Please DO NOT park in front of the orange and white cones as this may put a child's life at risk.

We will be operating a one-way system on the school drive. Children and parents will need to walk up the pathway on entry to school and walk back down the driveway as they leave the premises.

The timetable for the full re-opening of school is as follows:

Year Group	Drop-off Time	Collection Time Mon-Thurs	Collection Time Friday	Drop-off and Collection Point
Year R/1	8:40am	3:05pm	1:05pm	Class Hedgehogs Playground Gate
Year 1/2	8:40am	3:05pm	1:05pm	Class Badgers Playground Gate
Year 3	8:45am	3:10pm	1:10pm	Year 3 holding area
Year 4	8:45am	3:10pm	1:10pm	Year 4 holding area
Year 5	8:50am	3:15pm	1:15pm	Year 5 holding area
Year 6	8:50am	3:15pm	1:15pm	Year 6 holding area

Please note, the holding areas will be clearly marked out in the playground and school staff will be outside to welcome and guide the children.

Collection Time on a Friday

To mitigate the risk of infection, school will close after lunch on a Friday to ensure that a thorough deep clean can take place in all the classrooms and communal areas. Teachers will spend this time marking, assessing and planning for the following week. Children will still receive the same amount of face-to-face teaching time throughout the week as the lunchtime period will be reduced.

Requirements

To reduce the risk of infection, children will not be permitted to bring their own stationery or toys from home. All stationery required will be provided by school. Children **MUST** wear school uniform and this should be washed as frequently as possible.



PE lessons will commence straightaway in the first week and on these days, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits. Details of the PE days for each class is listed below. There will be no swimming until further notice.

Class	PE days
R / Y1	Tuesday and Friday
1 / 2	Monday and Tuesday
3	Monday and Tuesday
4	Tuesday and Thursday
5	Tuesday and Wednesday
6	Tuesday and Thursday

Lunch

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be provided with a hot school meal (universal free school meal). Of course, parents may opt to provide a packed lunch if they prefer. Children in KS2 eligible for a free school meal will also be provided with a hot meal. All other children should either bring a packed lunch from home or buy a school meal.

The cost of a school meal is £2.25 per day so £11.25 per week. Please put all monies in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class clearly written on the front and send into class with your child. Any change will be sent home via your child in a sealed envelope.

To keep everyone safe, adults will not be allowed into the building (unless by prior appointment).

Please ensure all home / remote learning books are returned to school on Monday the 8th of March for marking.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to seeing you all next Monday.

Mrs L Brennan
Head Teacher