

# St Thomas' C.E. Junior and Infant School

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## Arrangements for September

Dear Parents,

The government has issued its' latest guidance which will allow all schools to open fully in September. This is fantastic news and we look forward to a full school again. As parents some of you may be a little nervous about sending your child to school, however the safety of everyone is a priority alongside getting children back into the classroom to access a full school timetable. There are a few modifications which have been necessary in order to fulfil the guidance from the Department for Education. This letter contains all the information you will need.

### Drop off and Pick up

In order to reduce the number of adults on the school site at any time it is vitally important that you adhere to the drop off and pick up times for your child. For families who have more than one child, you need to drop off and pick up all your children at the earliest times. The school gates will not be opened before 8.30am so please do not arrive before then. As soon as you have dropped off your child you need to exit the school site as soon as possible. We need all parents to adopt social distancing rules please.

Year Group	Drop off time	Drop off location	Pick up time	Pick up location
Reception	9:00am	Shuttered area	3:00pm	Shuttered area
Year 1	8:40am	Shuttered area	2:50pm	Hall doors
Year 2	8:50am	Shuttered area	3:00pm	Hall doors
Year 3	8:40am	Junior doors	2:50pm	Junior doors
Year 4	8:50am	Junior doors	3:00pm	Junior doors
Year 5	8:40am	Junior doors	2:50pm	Back playground
Year 6	8:50am	Junior doors	3:00pm	Back playground

Children who walk to and from school by themselves will follow the times for their year group.

The scout hut car park will be opened up again for parking. **Please do not park on the road in front of school.**

We need handover to be quick and therefore there will not be the opportunity to speak to school staff at these times.



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## **Pupil Groups**

You will probably have heard the term “bubbles” used when describing groupings of children throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. This is set to continue in September, with much larger groups of children. The children have been divided into 4 groups to enable us to reduce the amount of contact they have throughout the school day, especially at playtimes and dinnertimes.

The groups are:

Reception

Year 1 and 2

Year 3 and 4

Year 5 and 6

The children will still be in their own year group classrooms with their teachers/ support staff for lessons.

## **School Uniform**

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform in September. Only book bags will be allowed and the government guidance asks that unnecessary items are not brought into school from home. There may be more outdoor learning taking place and children need to have a coat with them please.

PE kits need to be sent into school at the start of the term as these will be used by the children.

Again these must only be in the drawstring PE bags please. Rucksacks cannot be used.

All children need to bring a water bottle into school each day. This needs to contain water only and have your child’s name on. Children will bring these home at the end of each day for cleaning and re-filling. Any that are left in school will have to be binned. Children will still be given a drink with their school dinner.

## **Our Curriculum**

There will be a strong focus on the core subjects (reading, writing and maths) when the children return to school in order to support the learning they have missed in the summer term. The children will also access the foundation subjects and RE.

Collective worship will be class-based as we have to avoid any large gatherings of children. We will also not be able to run any whole school events until we are told otherwise.

We will be planning to run “catch-up” sessions with pupils after school to support learning, especially for pupils who have not engaged fully with our home learning whilst school has been closed. Further details will be given out in September.



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## **Cleanliness and Hygiene**

All pupils, staff and visitors must wash/ sanitise their hands when entering and leaving school and at other times during the day, following Government guidelines. Posters will be displayed around school regarding hand washing and hygiene.

Staff will explicitly teach and supervise health and hygiene arrangements such as hand washing.

Additional cleaning will take place during the school day followed by a full cleaning schedule once the children have gone home.

Hand sanitiser will be available in all classrooms and key areas around the school site. When coughing or sneezing the children will be taught to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Each class has a lidded bin so that all paper towels and tissues are able to be safely disposed of.

All these systems and guidance are based on current government advice. Should this change over the summer we will inform you of any changes.

School closes for the holidays on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and re-opens on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Thankyou for all your support during these very difficult months. We appreciate all your efforts and engagement with our home learning.

Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you all on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Woods

