

St. Andrew's C of E Primary School

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1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good summer and that you found some time to relax and recharge, ready for the children's return to school on 6th September. We are all looking forward to seeing them again and the staff have been busy planning and preparing classrooms for the new school year.

I thought providing you with information on a few points might be useful before the start of term, as I am sure many of you have questions concerning the return to school. Thankfully, many routines and procedures will be returning to how they were pre-Covid; there are some things however that we will be maintaining for the time being. I have briefly outlined some of the key points below, but please refer to the school's risk assessment and classroom communications on ClassDojo, Facebook and Tapestry for further detail.

Keeping safe

Mask wearing will be optional on the school site from September, but we ask all parents to be polite and respectful to those who choose to wear them in an effort to protect the clinically vulnerable members of our community. We will continue with good infection control practice, including frequent hand-washing, good ventilation throughout school and regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.

Suspected Covid cases

As before, in order to keep everyone safe, children will be sent home for a PCR test if they display a new or persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of sense of taste or smell. If they test positive, they will need to isolate for the time recommended by Public Health England on reporting the test result. If they test negative, we will expect them to remain at home until they are feeling better. For further details of government guidelines on handling Covid outbreaks within school, please refer to our Outbreak Management Plan, which will be found on the school's website from 6th September.

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The school day

Timings will revert to normal, as will the entrance and exit onto the school grounds. Nursery children will enter and exit via the Nursery gate and the rest of school via the large gate next to the swimming pool.

Nursery: 8.55am – 2.55pm whole day
 8.55am – 11.55am mornings
Reception and KS1: 8.45am – 3.05pm
KS2: 8.45am – 3.10pm

If your child is in Nursery or Reception, please check the letter that was sent out regarding timings and entrance/exits for the first week of term. If you are not sure of any of these details, please do email your child's teacher for clarification.

P.E.

Children in KS1 and KS2 will continue to come to school in their sports kit on the days that they have P.E. lessons, as we found this saved a lot of lesson time and meant lost uniform was kept to a minimum on P.E. days. You will be notified of class timetables at the beginning of term. Children in Reception will change into their P.E. kits in school and may leave their kit on their pegs for the half term.

The school's P.E. kit consists of trainers (not football boots) or plimsolls for Reception classes, T-shirt in house colours and black shorts, with plain jogging bottoms and a jumper or hoody being worn outdoors in colder weather (not required for Reception). Patterned T-shirts and joggers and football kits are not part of the school uniform, so please do not allow your child to wear these items on P.E. days.

Children must remove all jewellery and watches before a P.E. lesson, to prevent harm to themselves or others during physical activity. If a child is unable to remove earrings themselves, this must be done before they come to school, since staff are not able to remove them in school. Please note that the school is not responsible for the loss of personal items brought from home.

As you know, government guidance on handling the Covid situation changes on a regular basis and we will do our best to keep you informed of how we will be managing it within school. Please do refer to our website, ClassDojo, Facebook and Tapestry for details specific to your child's class. If there is further information you require before the beginning of term, please do drop me an email.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on 6th September for what we hope will be a safe, happy and exciting start to the school year.

With best wishes,



Elizabeth Henderson
Headteacher