

These are the arrangements the school will have in place to allow all children to come in from Tuesday 8th September.



As I have said through the whole of the pandemic, I hope everyone is remaining safe and healthy, hopefully the weather will improve as we move into the holidays. As things currently stand, St Saviours will be opening the school on Tuesday 8th September for all children, full time, for years 1 to 6. Reception parents have been sent details of their child's induction times. They will be with us full time, from the 3rd week.

We are looking at all the information coming to us from the Dfe and Local Authority, in order to prepare for schools return. Further information will be released during the holidays. ARRANGEMENTS MAY THEREFORE CHANGE BEFORE SEPTEMBER. If they do, parents will be informed as soon as it is possible. We are not expecting major changes.

The safe return to school and to education, for all our children and staff, is a key priority for us all. As you know, schools have not been closed since the lockdown started, St Saviour's has continued to provide education and care for every child of a key worker, who wanted it, since March 24th. In addition, we have provided high quality, on-line education. A number of children from three classes, reception, year 1 and year 6 have been back with us since June 15th.

I have continued to be proud of all our staff who have continued to work through the entire time this pandemic has been with us. They have done it in a very caring way which has kept children safe, has carried on developing children academically and has shown a real concern for the well-being of those children with us and at home

I have also continued to be delighted at the way work has been approached and tackled by children and parents. Engagement has remained high, in and out of school, I know

this will help children as they return to St Saviours, or when they move to high school. I would also like to thank, on behalf of my staff, all the parents, who have communicated about work set and done, who have offered words of support and who have shown us patience and understanding, in what has been the most difficult of times.

As I've said we are now ready, following Government guidelines, to open fully in September. There will still be risks as we continue into the autumn term. We will be doing all we can to eradicate +/- or manage these. The following letter sets out the measures we need to implement to keep everyone safe, happy and able to learn in school.

Classes

Each class will be a bubble of 30. Children will remain in those 'bubbles' and will be in one classroom together. They will spend breaks and lunchtimes, with just those children from their 'bubble.'

If any child in the 'bubble' shows any symptoms, we will inform the parents of that child and request they spend 14 days in isolation. If a symptomatic child tests negative, we will then invite the pupil back in to school.

School will open on each day and there will be NO half day closures, once we return in September.

Despite the teachers' best efforts, the maintenance of a recommended 2m gap between them and pupils, will be very difficult, especially with younger children.

Before and After School Club

The after school club will reopen on Tuesday 8th September, with the before school club starting on Wednesday 9th September. We would need bookings to come into school on Monday 7th September and we would need them, for that week, by 11:00 on Tuesday 8th September. Costs remain the same. Children will be kept in the class bubbles in both clubs, when in the hall.

Staggered starting times

Reception, year 1 and year 2 children will be asked to arrive between 8:40 a.m and 8:50 a.m. Years 3,4,5 and 6 need to arrive between 9:00 a.m and 9:10 a.m.

Staggered Finishing Times

Reception, year 1 and year 2 will finish at 3:00 p.m. Year 3 and 4 children will leave at 3:10 p.m. Year 5 and 6 will leave at 3:15 p.m. We are obviously asking parents and children to move away from school quickly, so it reduces the risk of spreading the infection.

Entrances

In the morning reception parents **MUST** leave children at the green reception entrance gate, where they will be collected by a member of staff. At the end of the day children will be brought to this gate and parents collect from there.

Age group	Time	Entrance to school and movement to class.
Reception	8:40-8:50 and 1:00 For the first 2 weeks	Through the reception gate.
Year 1	8:40-8:50	Through the infant door.
Year 2	8:40-8:50	Through the usual side entrance, as if going to the main yard.
Year 3	9:00-9:10	Through the reception gate, round the back of school.
Year 4	9:00-9:10	Through the Infant entrance.
Year 5	9:00-9:10	Through the main school reception entrance.
Year 6	9:00-9:10	Through the usual side entrance, as going to the main yard.

There will be markings on the floor, so social distancing can be maintained.

Exits

Parents will need to wait on the yard, again using the markings provided and children will be given to you.

Age group	Time	Exit from school.
Reception	3:00	Through the reception gate
Year 1	3:00	Through the infant exit.
Year 2	3:00	Through the main reception exit.
Year 3	3:10	Through the infant exit.
Year 4	3:10	Through the normal side exit.
Year 5	3:15	Through the main reception school exit.

Year 6	3:15	Through the normal side exit.
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Uniform

Children will need to come to school in uniform. Children will need a coat, as they could be outside at playtimes when it is raining. PE kits need to be in school from the first day back, they will be kept on a hook in the cloakroom. We will carry on taking coats and bags into the classroom, so children can move easily along corridors. Could we ask that if children are bringing bags into school, they are small.

Doors and windows will be open in the classrooms to help ventilation, so jumpers and sweatshirts need to be worn.

Lunchtimes

Hot lunches will be prepared by the kitchen when we come back in September. Those pupils on packed lunches bring them in as normal.

All children will have lunch in the hall. We will however have to keep classes apart. Reception, year 1 and year 2, will have lunchtime from 11:30-12:30, with years 3,4,5 and 6 between 12:30-1:30. Children from different classes will not eat with each other or play with each other on the playground.

Break times

The morning break times will be staggered, so different classes can use the playground at different times.

We will be using the reception play area at lunch and break times, this is where the reception children will play out. The bridge area will be out of bounds though.

As I said earlier, could all children come with a coat, as we will have to go outside for play times, even if the weather is bad, classrooms will be being cleaned during these times.

Children's work.

With all children back in school, we will not continue with the online material. However, we will leave all the work on our system over the holidays if anybody wishes to complete this work.

We will be changing reading books, any books coming back into school will obviously not be given to a new child until a period of quarantine has occurred.

We are continuing to ask children to bring in their own stationery from home. This and any stationery used by children from school, will need to be kept in their own tray and not used by anyone else.

Movement around school

We will continue with a one way system around the school, moving anti clockwise. In all the corridors there will be taped lines every metre. If children are waiting to use the toilets, get into the classroom, or to be picked up at the end of the day, they will use them, to maintain social distancing.

Parents

There will be NO drop-ins for the first half term. If parents email the school, staff will endeavour to return these as quickly as possible. Our welcome evening in September, almost certainly won't happen, but what would have been said, will be put on our website. We will make a decision on further consultation evening, as we get updates from the Dfe.

We are asking parents to continue to phone and email school, please don't come into the reception area, unless posting before and after school booking forms. Classes will be using this area to come in and out of school. The office screen won't be opened to any parents.

If you come to school to drop children off or pick up, could there still just be one parent doing this job.

Please talk to your child about what we will be expected in school (social distancing) and that they may see some staff in face masks and gloves at certain times of the day. As children return in September, staff will talk to them about the safety rules and hygiene matters. There will be no contact between children and staff, we need this message to be given by parents, so children don't hug staff and friends, once they return to school.

Remember to socially isolate when dropping off and picking up children. As I've said, markings will be in place for anyone on the front yard to ensure this happens.

Please continue to check the school website for letters and updates, and please read carefully any messages the school send out.

Our staff are looking forward to getting all children back to school, we will take the best care we can of your children, we will of course treat them as we would want our own children to be treated. This will be the next step in the road to tackle Covid 19, hopefully a huge step in the return to normality.

We will be reviewing all the changes and processes during the holiday. Any changes will be communicated to you when necessary.

I am aware this is again, a huge amount of information that needs to be taken in, but we need to do all we can to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents. Thank you again for being so understanding over the last few months, keep safe and keep healthy.

Yours,
Ian Southern.
Head Teacher.



"So much beauty we need
to look after."