



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent government announcement on the full reopening of primary schools from September 2020, all year groups will be back in school from Thursday 3rd September, in full uniform (you may decide on summer or winter uniform until October half term and then it will be winter uniform). The exception to this will be EYFS – Iona Class, who will be in for their allotted group times during the first week back, then moving onto the increased timings which have been sent out by Mrs Wilby. Attendance will return to being mandatory.

We are currently working very hard on completing detailed risk assessments to ensure both pupil and staff safety and well-being. The current position from the government is as follows:

'Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus.'

The purpose of this letter is to set out some of the practical pieces of information that you will need to know so that your children can have a really positive start to the new academic year.

Arrival and Collection Staggered Timings and Locations

To facilitate social distancing, please see the table below for arrival and collection information:

| Classes | Arrival Time | Parent parking and entrance to building | Collection time |
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| EYFS | 9.30am | Park on the lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and around the outside of the building to the Reception class outside area and door. | Times according to group information sent out by Mrs Wilby. |
| 1 | 9.15am | If you are driving to school park on the top playground. Walk around the outside of the building to the Y1 outside door. If you are walking to school do not walk up the ramp to the top playground, instead come to the entrance door at the main office and walk through exiting the door opposite following the pavement to the steps leading to the top playground. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.30pm |
| 2 | 8.55am | If you are driving to school park on the top playground. Walk down the steps and turn left to enter the doors and go up to the cloakroom area. . If you are walking to school do not walk up the ramp to the top playground, instead come to the entrance door at the main office and walk through exiting the door opposite following the pavement to the white double doors. Staff will meet children at the door, parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.10pm |



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| 3 | 8.55am | Park on the drive. Children come into school via the main entrance door next to the school office. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.15pm |
| 4 | 9.10am | Park on the drive. Children come into school via the main entrance door next to the school office. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.25pm |
| 5 | 9.05am | Lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.20pm |
| 6 | 8.55am | Lower car park on bend of drive. Come through the pedestrian gate, up the path across the playground and enter the building via the door near the year 6 classroom. Staff will meet children at the door; parents will not be able to enter the building. | 3.10pm |

We respectfully ask that everyone makes every effort to arrive and collect children during their time-slots. Should a pupil arrive late to school, they should be dropped off at the door to the main reception area, but please do not enter.

Should you have children attending across more than one bubble (i.e. siblings), please use the earliest arrival time and latest collection time. Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk to and from school on their own, but must have written parental permission to do so. Pupils should hand this written permission into the office or preferably this can be emailed across to info@st-elizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

For safeguarding reasons, they are not allowed to take responsibility for accompanying younger siblings home. Similarly, we do not allow young people under the age of 16 to collect pupils.

Safety Measures

We will be grouping children into 7 distinct bubbles – one for each class. We are doing this to reduce contact between different groups of pupils and to facilitate the stringent cleaning and disinfecting processes we already have in place to ensure that our school is as safe as possible.

In preparation for our re-opening, here are some key points that you need to be aware of. In the run up to September, as government guidance evolves, some details may change; we will keep you updated via the school website.

1. You must ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform your school. We advise anyone with symptoms to obtain a test and inform school of the results at the first possible opportunity. Even with a negative test result, pupils with symptoms or living with someone with symptoms will still need to isolate for 7 days.
2. The government has advised walking or cycling to school wherever possible to reduce the use of public transport, the school mini bus will be unlikely to run and we await further information regarding the running of the Belper bus as this is public transport.
3. Attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children. The government had previously relaxed the rules on attendance during lockdown. However, this will change in September. The government guidance says: *Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with*



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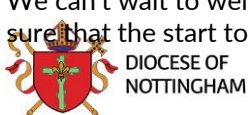
higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.”

4. Pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. If face coverings are used on public transport to get to school, they must be removed and safely disposed of or stored before entry to the building.
5. Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other pupils, and keeping their hands clean. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and/or use hand sanitiser.
6. Our school kitchen will be fully open in September, and lunches will return to normal. Pupils eligible for free school meals will return to having their lunch at school, and will no longer receive lunch vouchers. Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer holidays have been ordered and sent to families. Lunches will be paid for as per the usual ParentPay.
7. Children will be able to bring school bags and lunch boxes to and from school once more. They will also be able to take reading books and homework books to and from school. We request that children only bring a small pencil case as this will need to fit into their own tray. Children will need labelled water bottles in school as they will not be able to drink from the water fountains directly.
8. School uniform (summer or winter depending on what fits and the weather) will be worn from the first day onwards; this applies to PE also. From the October half term it will be winter uniform.
9. There will be staggered starts and endings to the school day. The playground gates will open at 8.55am. Please use the space around our sets of gates to help maintain social distancing. Anyone who needs to drop children off before this will need to get in touch with Marie at KidZone.
10. Breaks and lunch times will be staggered so that the children will remain with pupils from their bubble and not mix more widely. Lunches will be eaten in their classrooms to maintain the integrity of their bubble. Children will spend half of their lunchbreak inside eating their food and taking part in classroom based break activities and then spend time outside with pupils and staff from their bubble. Morning and afternoon breaks will be spent outside with pupils and staff from their bubble.
11. Regular handwashing and spot cleaning throughout the day will all be worked out. We are being asked to clean surfaces continuously throughout the day.
12. Children will be asked to wash their hands upon entry and exit from school, before and after break and lunchtimes and before and after eating. They may bring in hand sanitiser and hand cream if they are suffering from dry, over washed hands.

We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our school as low risk as can be. Our entire staff team has great expertise both in terms of helping children to catch up but also in terms of pastoral care, I know how dedicated they are to supporting the children back into school. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils, and will be providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required.

Although very many of our pupils have worked hard using our remote learning resources provided by our dedicated teachers, we are fully aware that some learning may have been lost. With this in mind, we have put together a 'recovery curriculum' that is designed to help pupils to reconnect, build confidence, close gaps and make sure that they get the learning and knowledge that they need to achieve success in the future.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back, however they are feeling and we will do everything that we can to make sure that the start to the new academic year is as safe, smooth and as positive as it can be. See you in September.



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Have a wonderful summer and God bless,

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