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'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Luke 10:27



2-9-2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good summer. The teachers have completed inset training for the last two days and we are ready and looking forward to seeing all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 return to school tomorrow. The new foundation stage children have their own transition and start to school that takes place over the next two weeks.

Before the summer I outlined how we have changed some of our normal school practice and in this newsletter I will provide a further update. Our practice has been developed over the last few months with all the school staff. By the end of July, we had managed to welcome back nearly half of the school and we also ran a summer club for 4 weeks. We have developed enhanced cleaning routines, different routes/access around school and much more. In this time, we have had no staff off with Covid19 and we have had only a few instances where we have had to send children home as a precaution. These children all tested as negative and were just generally unwell.

There have been some instances where parents have informed me that they have had to self-isolate and these sensible actions have ensured that our school community has remained safe and mitigated risk for everyone. If we continue with this careful, joined up approach we will be able to reduce risk for everyone and keep all of our children and families as safe as possible.

Changes for September:

In order to support less congested travel to and from school we will be implementing the following plans:

- School will be open from 8.40am-9.05am
 - A one-way entrance from the main gate leaving via the church yard
 - We would like as many families as possible to walk or cycle to school
 - Reception and Year 2 are to access their classes by walking down the side of the school from the top gate
 - All other year groups to access school from the main playground but to walk to class via outside routes.
- Only Year 1 will need to access class via the ICT suite.

End of Day – all classes leave from the main playground

- 3.10 Reception leave
- 3.20 Y1 and Y2 leave
- 3.25 Y3 and Y4 leave
- 3.30 Y5 and Y6 leave

It would help if you could leave the playground promptly unless you are waiting for another child.

Other measures we will implement in school

School lunches

- School lunches will be served as normal. We will provide lunches for 120 pupils at any one time, after which the dinner hall will be cleaned in preparation for the next 120 children.
- Lunches for children in year 5 and 6 will be eaten in their classrooms whether they have packed lunch or school meals.
- Children will be playing outside in phase group bubbles and we will be using the field more often.

Assemblies

- Whole school assemblies will be streamed into classes.

Communication with school

- Only essential staff/visitors from outside school are allowed on to the school site.
- There will be staff members on the gates, doors and playgrounds each morning to help with any worries about the new arrangements coming into school.
- If you have anything important to discuss with the class teacher, please contact the school via the school office and we will contact you.

Messages for school or class teacher

- Staff will not be able to take messages whilst on the playground but we ask that where possible these are communicated via the **school office or via the new year group emails** we have set up. We are still friendly but the need for social distancing at busy times means we need to be more careful than usual. The class emails will be checked daily and can be used for messages that will be helpful to the class teacher such as: Appointments, worries a child might have, homework or a phone call request. The email will be shared between the teachers of the year group and will be used as a one-way message system.

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year4comms@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

year3comms@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

year2comms@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

year1comms@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

newreception2020@stbridgets.wirral.sch.uk

- If there is anything that is urgent please contact the school office directly.
- Due to social distancing please could we ask you only come to the school office in person when absolutely necessary.

In Class

- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser encouraged.
- Children will be provided with all of the equipment that they need in class.
- Tables from Year 2 to Year 6 will be forward facing.
- Generally, windows and internal doors will be open to ensure good air flow around class.
- Children will put their coats and bags on the back of their chair. Unless children have a packed lunch they may not need to bring in a bag, apart from their book bag where applicable.

Masks

- Teachers will not wear masks in classes whilst teaching unless there is an exceptional situation. Teachers will only wear masks when walking through the corridors as these are narrow spaces.

PE Kits worn to school

As part of our preparation for September we are asking parents to send their children in PE kits with a tracksuit on the days that they have PE. This will reduce the need to store PE kits and bags in school and should increase the time we can be outside. There is no set colour of tracksuit, but darker colours would be preferred. Later this week class teachers will confirm the days of PE for each year group.

School changes/upgrades over the summer

- Infrared Sensor Taps installed in all KS2 toilets for improved hand washing.
- New cooker installed in the kitchen ensuring that all food is now baked or steamed

Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Kind regards,

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