

All Saints' C.E. Primary School

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Welcome back

The summer has seemed to fly for the school staff, I'm sure that has not been the case for many parents who will quietly celebrate their children's return to school. We are so excited to see the children return to school, to what hopefully will be a much less disrupted year.

As most COVID restriction are ending, we will no longer be continuing with the staggered start and end of the school day. The school gates open at 8:45 am, and registration is at 9:00am. The school day ends at 3:25pm. We would recommend getting your child to school on time, as this time is important for them to discuss the previous day's work with their teacher. Please ensure that you collect your child promptly from the playground at the end of the day.

I'd like to welcome some new members to the All Saints' family:

It's a welcome return for Miss Carter (EYFS Lead Teacher), Miss Mackie (Year 2 teacher), Mr Nuzzo (PE sports specialist) and Mrs Plummer (Finance officer). I know they will be outstanding additions to the team!

COVID - Sadly it's not gone away yet!

As you have probably heard on the news, bubbles have been discontinued and children are allowed to mix within school. We will be back to using our cloakrooms, and shared resources, but will maintain the integrity of our cleaning regimes and hand sanitising. The school will provide hand sanitiser, as before, with only children who have medical skin conditions allowed to bring their own sanitiser to school. Children will need to hand these to their teacher for safety purposes, but be encouraged to use it a regular times of the day.

Year groups will now be allowed to mix outside and the school hall has been timetabled to allow each child to eat their lunches with their friends.

IMPORTANT:

As infection rates are still very high in central Peterborough and vaccination rates are below the national average, we are not fully abandoning our good practices, as we need to maximise the protection for our children, their families and the staff. We will maintain our cleaning, hand sanitising and minimise unnecessary mixing between year groups. For the first half term worships will still take place on TEAMS, accessed in the children's classrooms.

The latest advice from the government is that children with covid symptoms MUST not come into school and have a PCR test. Households must follow Public Health England Advice.

Likewise, if a member of your household has symptoms for COVID (see website) then they must be tested. PCR tests can be booked online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. **If an adult tests positive on a LFD test, they must get a PCR test, within 2 days.** Can I also remind you that LFD tests are not suitable for children under the age of 12.

For any positive results the entire household MUST self-isolate AND be tested with a PCR test. If a child's PCR test comes back negative, they are allowed to return to school, and not isolate for the 10 days as previously required.

If a child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be moved out of the class until they are collected by their parents, or someone over the age of 18 from their household, at the earliest opportunity.

Bubbles will not be closed- unless directed to do so by Public Health England. Rather, close contact will be informed, and recommend to be tested through the Governments' Test and Trace system.

School Meals

We're delighted to say that our outstanding meal service is able to return, with all children choosing their meal from the hatch, and having access to the salad bar and extra drinks.

Please refer to the school website for the current menu availability.

All Children in KS1 are entitled to a free school meal, and we would encourage all to have one.

For year 3 children and older the costs for school meals is currently: £2.10 a day or £11.00 a week.

All payments are via Parent Pay.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - CHILDREN'S SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL During Drop-off and collection from school.

Now that we are returning to our original collection and drop-off procedures, please can I remind parents about using the pelican crossing. Dogsthorpe Road is incredibly busy, and in years gone by there were a few 'near misses'. Not using the crossing is very dangerous for children and does not teach them the correct way to cross a very busy road!

In the past, parents also parked on the zigzag lines near the crossing - This is an offence, leading to a fine and points on your licence. Our PCSO will be outside the school monitoring this situation and taking action. If you see a car parked on the zigzags, please take a photo of the car and email it to the school. We will then forward this to the PCSO. The school entrance drive **must be kept clear of cars at all times** so that emergency vehicles can access the school - this is for your children's safety!

Please can I remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used by parents to collect their children, unless this has been agreed with myself in advance- due to medical needs.

HARVEST FESTIVALS - KS1 and KS2

We will be celebrating the KS2 and KS1/EYFS Harvest Festivals on **Monday 4th October in school**. Please can you begin to collect dried goods and foods, so that each class can make a charitable contribution to food banks in the city- helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Sadly with COVID rates still high in the city the Senior Management Team have taken the decision not to invite parents to this event. Parental visits to the school will be reviewed in October, when hopefully Peterborough's rates will be lower.



CONTACT DETAILS/CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

If you have changed your phone number or address, please can you inform the office as a matter of urgency so we can amend the home contact details. Also if you think your eligibility for FSM may have changed, please enter this website into your browser www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to complete a form with proof of your National Insurance number and your Date of Birth.

Cleaning vacancy. Job opportunity!

We have a vacancy in our cleaning staff, to assist the cleaning of the school from 3:30 -5:45.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs Davies in the school office on 01733 563688.



MEDICAL CONDITIONS/ALLERGIES

If your child has experienced any medical changes or developed any allergies it is extremely important that the office is notified as a matter of urgency. Please ensure that if your child needs to have an inhaler or medication in school that this is brought to the School Office as soon as possible where you will be asked to complete a medical authorisation form.

SCHOOL UNIFORM/PE KIT

As restrictions have been largely lifted, children will again be changing for PE, rather than coming in PE kits to school. Older children will change in gender specific groups. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kits, that follow the school's uniform policy. We have been lenient about the different kits children wore last year, but we now need to get back to the school's expectations. PE kits can be brought in on a Monday and come home on a Friday for washing.

Please follow the link on the school website to check the uniform requirements.

Please make sure that **all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name**, especially coats, PE kit and jumpers. Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit into school every Monday morning and keeps it here for the whole week. If your child needs special clothing for an after school club, please make sure that they bring it with them on Mondays or on the day of the club.

Footware

All children need to be wearing school shoes, rather than trainers, as per the school uniform policy, they are much more supportive for developing feet. Any children who are wearing trainers need to have a letter from their parents explaining if there is a medical reason for them doing so.

Phew!



I know that was a lot to take in!

Please do not hesitate to ask if you wish clarification on any of the points from this (very lengthy) newsletter.

My door is always open to you.

Wishing you a much needed return to normality, and I would like to thank you in advance for your support you give to this school - it is one of our strengths the quality relationships we have, and it is greatly appreciated by both myself and indeed the whole staff.

Kind regards to you all

Mr David Roberts
Acting Head Teacher