



ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Full opening of School from 9th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you continue to remain safe and well.

We are really looking forward to **welcoming ALL our children back to school from Wednesday 9th September.** We continue to plan for full opening and, as always, we are following Government guidance on this.

Now the Government guidelines have changed, **children can and MUST wear school uniform every day.**

From September, children will be **arranged into year group 'bubbles'**, that is to say, they will not mix with children from other year groups whilst in school. We will continue to have staggered play and lunchtimes. The start of the day will return to our previous system where we **open all the class doors at 8.40am but we will extend the drop-off time to 8.55am.** You can bring your child at any time between 8.40am and 8.55am at the start of the day. Children must come independently into the school building.

Each morning, on entering the school building, children will continue to wash their hands before finding their seat in class. Classes will have a thermometer available, so that if any child feels hot or unwell during the day we can take their temperature. **We will no longer do this routinely as children enter the building each day.**

Where possible, classroom tables will be arranged in rows with children facing the front. Children will sit alongside one other pupil. Staff will continue to be encouraged to maintain a safe, socially distanced space from the children.

We will maintain our one-way system for drop-off and pick-up times – **in through the main gates, out through the gate at the top of the field;** this will support families to maintain social distancing. We ask that you ALL follow this to ensure the safety of everyone.

Bubble	Staff	Door	Drop-off time	Pick-up time
1	Miss Barker	Year 6 door	For all classes the doors will open at 8.40am until 8.55am so that parents/carers can drop off between these times.	3.15 pm
	Miss Riley	Year 6 door		3.15 pm
2	Miss Mason	Class Australia door		3.25pm
	Miss Armitage	Class Ireland door		3.25 pm
3	Mr Johnson	Year 4 door		3.15 pm
	Mr Lyons	Year 4 door		3.15 pm
4	Miss Holt	Class France door		3.25 pm
	Miss Haley	Class Germany door		3.25 pm

We have staggered the end of the school day to allow for more space in the playground:

- **Year 4 and 6 will leave at 3.15pm**
- **Year 3 and 5 will leave at 3.25pm**

If your child has a sibling here or at the Infant school you can, by prior arrangement, collect from Year 4 and Year 6 at 3.25pm. **Please contact us if you need to make this arrangement.**

Initially, all children will have a packed lunch. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will provide them with a packed lunch. We are continuing to work on our lunchtime plans. As soon as we can do so safely, we will provide hot food at lunchtime.

We have been working really hard on our plans and are happy to tell you that we WILL be offering our wrap-around care. From Wednesday 9th September we will be running 2 separate Kids Clubs,

- **INFANT Kids Club** (held at the Infant School) finishing at 5.30pm
- **JUNIOR Kids Clubs** (held at the Junior School) finishing at 5.45pm

These will help to keep the mixing of pupils to a minimum. They will be run by each school and we ask that you please pay each school separately if you have a child at both schools.

We are finishing slightly earlier than previously to allow for wider cleaning, but will continue to be available Monday to Friday to support our working families.

If you need Breakfast Club or Kids Club please contact the office for details

Finally, as always, can I thank you for your continued support and understanding. You have been a huge part of the success that we've had with our COVID-19 arrangements. Our aim remains that we make everything work as smoothly and safely as possible for everyone.

Have a great summer. We look forward to seeing you all in September. Stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karen Smith
Headteacher