



Dear parents/ carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. I would like to thank you all for your support and the kindness the school community has shown, over the last few months.

The school will be fully open from Thursday 3rd September, unless new guidance comes out. It will however run slightly differently as each class will be classed as a 'Bubble' and will not mix with other 'Bubbles'.

The mini bus will operate with two 'Bubbles' of children who will be sitting away from each other. There will be three children in each 'Bubble'. To ensure the children in Year 4-6 arrive for the start of school, the mini bus will be leaving at 8:35am and will be returning at 3:15pm.

The two classes at St Margaret's site will be classed as separate 'Bubbles'. Each classroom will be set up slightly differently; tables will be set out in rows so that the children are not sat facing each other.

The school has various hand sanitiser units placed around school. The children will use this when entering and exiting the school or classroom. There will also be opportunities in the day for hand washing.

The timings of the school day will also change to reduce contact with different 'Bubbles'. All children will have the usual amount of teaching hours, in the classroom. I have changed playtime and lunchtime-they will be slightly shorter to ensure every 'Bubble' gets an opportunity to eat their dinner and have time outside. As the times are staggered, the process will take longer. This complete re-arrangement will be mirrored at All Saints too.

Start/ Finish times

	Start time	Finish time
Mini bus	8:35am	3:15pm
Class 2 (Year 2/3)	8:55am	3:15pm
Class 1 (Rec/Y1)	8:55am	3:15pm



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The children at St Margaret's will eat their school dinner/ packed lunch in the hall, which will be split into two sections. The playground will be split into two sections and, when each class has time outside, they will have their own section.

I know some of you have more than one child in school meaning you may have two drop off times. If you need to drop a child off for the bus, we will ask you to wait at the front of school. We will be unable to have children in the building before 8:55am.

The children will be met on the playground by their teacher (if the carpark is finished). We will have markings on the playground for the children to stand on. The children will use the hand sanitiser as they enter the building. At the end of the day, the children will use the hand sanitiser as they exit and be brought out to the playground to the markers again. As we see parents, we will send your child to you. Please remember to socially distance from other adults and children. We must stay 1m + away from each other. In addition, it is important to drop off and pick up at the correct times and not to be late.

Uniform and materials

The children will be back in uniform for September. We ask that all a child brings with them each day: is a water bottle/ coat/ lunch box-no bags. The water bottle will go home each day to be washed. The days that children will have PE, they will be asked to bring trainers into school. We will not be getting the children changed into a PE kit. The children will be given a plastic wallet to transport their reading record and reading book. All of these items will be kept with your child; at their desk or in the classroom.

Each child will have their own tub with all the materials they will need for the school day. The pack will include: pencils/ pens/ coloured pencils/ pencil sharpener/ glue stick/ scissors/ ruler/ rubber.

Guidance from Government

As COVID-19 will be with us still in September, we must all continue to be watching out for symptoms. If you or your child develop symptoms, they must not come to school. If a child develops symptoms whilst at school, they will be taken to a quiet area and you will be phoned to collect them. You and your child must then be tested. If the results are positive, then the school will follow Public Health England's advice. This may result in the 'Bubble' being closed down for a while and the class having to isolate for 14 days.



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If the school has a few positive cases, it may result in the school closing. We are at the moment setting up more on-line resources / ways to teach lessons, in case of this scenario.

I know some of your children and yourselves may be anxious about returning to school. We will be concentrating firstly, on the mental health of all in school. The children who have already been in school have found the routines fun and been brilliant in following the guidance. The children have enjoyed being back together, even from a social distance.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory from September. We are lucky enough to have a Family Support Worker and Attendance Officer who works with the local academy schools. They will be working with families who struggled with attendance before the lockdown. The school introduced a new holiday policy this year. All unauthorised holidays will be fined and may lead to a court hearing. I know we have all missed many holidays over the last few months but it also highlights the importance of every minute spent in school.

The class teachers have been busy making videos for their new classes. These can be found on the school website under the Tab, 'Classes for September'. Please watch these with your children.

When we come back in September we will be starting our reading badges again. Each child will receive a star badge as they read 50/ 100/ 150 times. To end last year, we will honour any home reading over the partial closure period by rewarding reading completed in this time.

I know you may have lots of questions about September. If you have any queries please contact me via email at gbeaumont@allsaintsrc.derbyshire.sch.uk.

I hope you all get a break and some days venturing out or going away. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Many thanks

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