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Dear Parents,

I hope that are enjoying a lovely summer.

We have been developing our plans and risk assessments for returning to school on 2nd September in light of the revised guidance from the Department for Education. This letter details the latest guidance information from the DFE along with the procedures and strategies that we will use in school in the autumn term. If there are any changes in guidance between now and the start of term then I will send another email.

Mixing and 'bubbles'

The DFE no longer recommend that it is necessary for children to be in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not be used in schools from the autumn term.

As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies and whole school lunchtime arrangements can resume. This will also mean that after school clubs will be mixed classes and Breakfast Club and Woodpeckers After School Club will operate as one group.

This also means that we will no longer ask children to enter or leave school at staggered times in order to maintain class bubbles. From 2nd September we will still ask that parents do not bring children into school in the morning as we want to continue to minimise the number of adults entering the school building.

Morning routine:

- Children in Years 1 and 2 will enter school through the door at the front of the school leading into Oak Class between 8.45 and 8.55am. Please use the main school path rather than the grassed area to access this entrance.
- Children in Year 3 will enter school through the main front door between 8.45 and 8.55am.
- Children in Year 4 will be left at the school gate between 8.45 and 8.55am where they will then enter school through the door by the school hall.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 will be left at the school gate between 8.45 and 8.55am where they will make their way to their classrooms.

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- Children in reception will be met at the school gate by Mrs Marsden and Mrs Beeton at 8.55am. Parents can line up on the path with their child by the hall ready to be greeted by Mrs Marsden who will collect all children at the gate and walk them to their classroom.

End of day routine:

The school gate will be opened at 3pm and parents can come onto the playground to wait to collect their child. Teachers will take their children out onto the playground to be met by parents at 3.15pm for children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 3.20pm for children in Key Stage 2. Please make sure that you stand close to where your child will enter the playground to be collected so that you are easily visible for your child and their teacher.

Face coverings

The DFE no longer advises face coverings for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. As such, we will not require parents to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting children. However, we understand that parents may prefer to wear a face covering and, in line with the guidance, we may ask parents to wear a face covering when coming into the school building for whole school events.

PE:

We will continue to ask that all children come to school wearing their PE kit on the days that they have PE. This has proved to be a successful strategy that has maximised PE time and removed issues with children getting changed in time for the next lesson or playtimes. We ask that all children wear the PE uniform on these days which consists of a navy PE T shirt (this can be a plain T shirt or the school's PE T shirt), navy school jumper or fleece, navy or black shorts or joggers along with appropriate sports footwear. Please do not send your child into school with football kits or other items that are not part of the school's PE kit.

Cleaning and hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will continue to be a priority within our school along with regular use of hand sanitisers.

We will maintain a programme of regular cleaning. This will include regular cleaning of areas and equipment, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

We will continue to promote the strategy of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when children are using tissues in order to minimise the risk of passing on germs.

Ventilation in school:

In line with Government guidance, we will continue to ensure that our school is well ventilated with windows and doors open at all times in order to ensure a constant flow of fresh air.

We will balance the need for increased ventilation while maintaining a comfortable temperature but this may mean that children will need additional layers during the colder weather.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Schools will no longer be asked to carry out contact tracing. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. However, if we have a confirmed positive case in your child's class then we will inform you so that you can monitor your child closely for any symptoms.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

When a pupil or member of staff develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should **not** come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone develops Covid 19 symptoms at school, however mild, we are required to send them home and they should follow public health advice.

The safety of our pupils and staff continues to be our absolute priority and we will continue to monitor all safety measures in order to minimise the risk of spreading infection at All Saints'. We are aware that the guidance from the DFE may change as schools reopen and we will ensure that we adapt our strategies and safety measures to reflect these changes.

Your child's class teacher will write to you separately to let you know about the weekly timetables and class routines for the autumn term for your child.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to get on touch.

I hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer break and we will look forward to seeing you all again on the 2nd September.

Best wishes,
Clare Lamb
Headteacher