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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will probably know, the government released guidance last week with details about how schools should plan for the safe return of pupils in September. If you are interested, the guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

When does term start?

The first day of term for the children will be on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**. The school will be closed for pupils on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September for INSET days.

Bubbles

The children will spend the majority of their days in their class bubbles of 30. This will also include their class teacher and learning support assistant. They will also continue to be taught French by Madame Byers and PE/Games by Mr Moore. Children will be seated in rows, facing the front of the classroom and adults will maintain an appropriate social distance from the children wherever possible.

Drop off and pick up

We will be staggering drop off and pick up to ensure we can manage these busy times as safely as possible.

Year groups	Drop off	Pick up
Years 3-6 (+ siblings in Years 1&2)	8.30am	3.15pm
Years 1&2	8.45am	3.00pm
Reception	9.00am	2.45pm

There will be four gates which will be clearly labelled for drop off and pick up.

Year Group	Gate
Reception	Gate 2
Year 1	Gate 1
Year 2	Gate 2
Year 3	Gate 1
Year 4	Gate 2
Year 5	Gate 3
Year 6	Gate 4

We would encourage you to walk or cycle to school if at all possible.

Breakfast club

Our Breakfast club will reopen its doors on Monday 7th September but will be situated in the school hall. Children who sign up to the club will be seated in their class bubbles during their time at the club.

Restricted entry

Entry into the school for parents and carers will be by appointment only. We will not be inviting volunteers on-site to support the school until further notice. Please note that these changes to our normal practice simply reflect that we are taking the pandemic seriously and want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

We will also be staggering playtimes and lunchtimes as follows. Lunch will be eaten outside if the weather is dry and in classrooms if it is wet.

Year Group	Playtimes	Lunchtimes
Reception	EYFS garden as part of free-flow activities	11.25am-12.25pm in the hall followed by the EYFS garden
Year 1	9.55am-10.10am on KS1 playground	11.25am-12.25pm on KS2 playground
Year 2	9.55am-10.10am on KS2 playground	11.25am-12.25pm on field
Year 3	10.20am-10.35am on KS1 playground	12.30pm-1.30pm on KS1 playground
Year 4	10.20am-10.35am on KS2 playground	12.30pm-1.30pm on KS2 playground
Year 5	10.40am-10.55am on KS1 playground	12.30pm-1.30pm on ½ of the field
Year 6	10.40am-10.55am on KS2 playground	12.30pm-1.30pm on ½ of the field

We will be providing children in Years 1 and 2 with an additional playtime in the afternoons as follows:

Year group	Afternoon playtime
Year 1	1.45pm-2.00pm on KS1 playground
Year 2	1.45pm-2.00pm on KS2 playground

Collective worship

We will not be organising for the whole school to meet together for collective worship. Instead, Mr Beckerson will record a video to be shown in classrooms on Mondays which will introduce the value of the week. Reverend Chris will record a video to be shown in classrooms on Wednesdays when the children would usually have visited the church and the teachers will lead class-based collective worship sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

PE and Games

All physical education will take place outside unless it is raining heavily. In the case of rain, lessons will take place in the hall. If more than one class needs to use the hall at the same time we will either make changes to the timetable or one of the classes will have their PE session in the classroom using Jump Start Johnny which is a series of interactive fitness video sessions for children.

Cleaning

We have made arrangements for increased cleaning throughout the day of regularly touched surfaces e.g. door handles and table tops etc

Hygiene

There is a sink in every classroom. Children will be instructed to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water on a regular basis throughout each day including on arrival, before they eat and on departure.

Payments

We will not be accepting any cash or cheques until further notice. Please make any payments using scopay.

Curriculum

When the children return to school in September, teachers will use regular assessment activities to inform the learning and emotional needs of individuals. These assessments will inform our planning, allowing us to support each child to catch up on any areas where they may have fallen behind. In most cases, this will mean making tweaks to the teacher's planning within the classroom but for some children, it will mean that we will put additional catch up sessions in place which will be led by learning support assistants. The assessments will be undertaken throughout September and teachers will make changes to their provision in real time, where possible and appropriate. Additional catch up sessions will be organised following the assessment period and should begin in October.

Uniform

From September, we ask that all children wear the standard St Bart's winter uniform <https://www.stbartholomews.surrey.sch.uk/2575/school-uniform> and bring their PE kit into school as usual.

Remote learning

We have reviewed our current remote learning offer and plan to make further improvements by the end of September. Thank you to those parents and carers who completed our recent survey which has given us a good insight into how our children have accessed remote learning since 20th March.

All staff will be trained in the use of Microsoft Teams before September and this will be a platform for us to set work with the facility for children to submit assignments and for teachers to provide them with feedback.

We will continue to develop our use of Purple Mash, including introducing it for the learning of spellings. Again, Purple Mash has the added benefit of pupils being able to submit work and teachers proving them with feedback.

Our YouTube channel has been very popular so we will continue to make use of this and add engaging videos for the children where appropriate.

After school clubs

At this stage, we do not plan to run any after school clubs during the Autumn Term although we will keep this under review. However, KOOSA KIDS will resume in September and places can be booked directly <https://www.koosakids.co.uk/surrey/haslemere/st-bartholomews-primary-school-haslemere/after-school-club>

I hope the above provides some reassurance that we are excited about all children returning to school in September and that we plan to provide them with a rich and dynamic experience which is as safe as it can possibly be.

Best wishes,

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