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Reminder- September Return to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well having had a relaxing and safe summer break. I am resending this letter, which I sent in July, as a reminder about plans for your children returning to school in the coming weeks.

We have very much missed the children and you during this very difficult time; I must thank you all again, for the hard work you have put into working with your children since March 20th on the distance learning. Parents have been amazing in juggling home, childcare, health needs, safety and jobs along with supporting your child through our distance learning programme. You are truly incredible! I would also like to thank the staff at St Patrick's who have been preparing for your child's return to school and planning exciting learning opportunities for the children to catch up and move forward after lockdown.

September still brings challenges for us all and we are having to continue to work within government restrictions to minimise risks to adults and children. Parents who have been bringing their children to school during the spring and summer terms have worked with us perfectly to follow systems we have had to put in place to maintain safety and we ask that this continues in September please.

We have to put in place staggered start and end of day times as follows:

Classes	Arrival Time	Collection Time	Entrance	EXIT
Family Groups	8.45am	3.05pm	Main Gate	KS 1 Gate B
Nursery	8.45am	3.15pm if full time 11.45am if part time	KS 1 Gate A	KS 1 Gate B
Reception	8.45am	3pm		
Year 1	9am	3.10pm		
Year 2	9.10am	3.20pm		
Year 3	9am	3.10pm		
Year 4	9.10am	3.20pm	Main Gate	KS 1 Gate B
Year 5	9.20am	3.30pm		
Year 6	8.50am	3pm		

'Family Groups' are parents with more than one child in school and child minders who collect more than one child. If you are in a Family Group, you will need to bring all your children to school at 8.45am and collect them all at 3.05pm entering by the main gate at reception, following the one-way system around school to collect your children and leaving by the gate on the key stage 1 playground. We have organised this to make it simpler for you so that you aren't having to make several journeys or having to wait around.

As a school, we ask that parents only collect their child and do not collect other people's children, as you would have to wait off school grounds to collect children leaving at different times. Please ensure a responsible adult walks your child to the school gate every morning.

Please keep strictly to these start and end of day times, do not come early or arrive late, do not wait around school, go straight home and keep to the one-way system. This is essential for the safety of everyone in our school community.

Staffing Structure for September 2020:

Classes	Teachers	Teaching Assistants			
Nursery	Mrs Sarno	Mrs Foote, Miss Hudson			
Reception	Mrs Slight (EYFS/KS 1 Leader) Monday Mrs Cannell (EYFS Phase Leader) Tues-Fri	Mrs Faulconbridge, Mrs Russell, Mrs Pritchett,			
Year 1	Miss Crich	Mrs Chandley & Mrs Cotter			
Year 2	Miss Lane (KS 1 Phase Leader)	Ms Matto			
Year 3	Mr King	Mrs Smith			
Year 4	Miss Loscalzo (Lower KS 2 Phase Leader)	Mrs Binjie			
Year 5	Mr Siddall	Ms Booth			
Year 6	Miss Moody (Upper KS 2 Phase Leader)	Ms Thornhill			
French Teacher: Ms Jackson					
Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL): Mrs Slight, Mr Slight, Mrs Lane & Miss Lane					
Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCO): Mrs T Slight					
Admin Team: Mrs Tyson, Mrs Laing (Mon-Wed), Mrs Shane (Wed-Fri)					
Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) & Mental Health First Aider: Ms Wall					
Chaplaincy Support: Mrs Cotter					
Senior Lead	Senior Leadership Team: Mrs Lane (Headteacher), Mrs Slight (Deputy Headteacher, EYFS & KS				
1 Leader) &	1 Leader) & Mr Slight (Educational Visits Coordinator & KS 2 Leader)				
Site Manager: Mr I Etches					

Start Dates for Individual Classes:

Date	Details	
Monday 31st August	Bank Holiday – school closed to staff and pupils	
Tuesday 1st September	Health and Safety Day – staff only, school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET day – staff only, school closed to pupils	
Thursday 3rd September	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and year 2 Classes	
Friday 4th September	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and year 2 Classes	
Monday 7th September	All classes are back including years 3,4,5 & 6	

Breakfast & After School Clubs:

For the

2020/21 academic year TB SPORT will continue to provide the breakfast club at St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Our breakfast club capacity is 15 spaces per day. These spaces must be pre booked for Autumn Term 1 by using the online booking form at:

www.tbsport.uk/bookings-stpats

Places are offered on a first come first served basis and payment must be made via online bank transfer within 7 days of booking your spaces. Children can arrive at the club from 7.30am and will be looked after by our TB SPORT members of staff until 9am after which they will be taken to their teacher in their classrooms.

Children will have the option to play games or take part in sports and will receive a healthy breakfast with a choice of toast and toppings or a variety of cereal to choose from. We have other items available on selected days such as fruit, crumpets and yoghurt.

After School Clubs

We will also continue to provide our after school clubs from September. Clubs restart on Monday 7th September and run until Friday 16th October. Clubs run from the end of the school day until 5pm.

We will be offering;

Monday - Gymnastics for Year 1 and 2 Tuesday - Football for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Wednesday - Basketball for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Thursday - Gymnastics for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Friday - Football for Year 1 and 2

There are just 10 places per session which are first come first served.

When signing up to your choice of club your child must commit to all 6 weeks and payment must be made via online bank transfer within 7 days of booking your spaces. Children must be collected from school by an adult at 5pm.

School Uniform & PE Kits:

From September 1st, instead of pupils bringing a PE kit to school with them and changing into this kit during lesson time, they can come to school in their PE kit and **wear this for the whole day on one day a week when they have PE.** Nursery pupils do not need a PE Kit.

The current school PE kit is a white t-shirt and green shorts, so to ensure students are warm and comfortable throughout the school year they would need to wear additional items on these days that can also be used as outdoor PE kit when the conditions are cooler. We would like all children to wear a plain black zip through hoody (with no logos or brands) and plain loose fitting black jogging bottoms (with no logos or brands).

Your child can wear their PE kit to school on their PE day:

Reception-Fridays

Year 1- Mondays

Year 2-Thursdays

Year 3- Thursdays

Year 4- Tuesdays

Year 5- Fridays

Year 6- Tuesdays

Children need to continue to wear full school uniform on all other days. They will also need to bring their book bag (and lunch in a named disposable bag if they have packed lunches). If your child has an inhaler or uses any other **prescribed medication**, please ensure it is in date, clearly labelled with their full name and handed in at the school office where you need to complete a medical form. Please do not bring any other items from home into school.

Attendance

Many of our children have been out of school for 5 months, most children have accessed the distance with your support for which we are very grateful. It has been a very challenging time for everyone and it is important that the children come back into school to socialise with their friends in their bubble, for their mental wellbeing and to catch up on any missed learning.

The government have stated that all pupils must return to school in September; we are very aware that some pupils and parents who have not been in school since March 2020 may be very anxious still about returning to school. We do understand, please be reassured that we have carried out a thorough risk assessment which is regularly updated in line with government guidance and put safety measures in place to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus to the school community. In the eventuality of any child or adult becoming ill, we have a full action plan of how this will be managed.

To reassure you, since wider opening of schools on June 1st, there have been no confirmed cases of covid 19 in any of our Academy Trust schools. In addition to this, we have planned our curriculum around supporting the children as much with their mental health and wellbeing as their learning and closing the gaps in learning caused by the covid 19 pandemic and school closures. If you have any specific concerns relating to your child or your family that you would like to discuss, please contact any member of the senior leadership team by telephone or email through the school office and we will do our very best to help you.

We are very excited about having our children back in school. It was fantastic to see the children who returned to school in June and others on seesaw; we have missed you all greatly and can't wait to have you all back.

Stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Lane & The St Patrick's School Team