

Back to School Book for children and parents

The staff at St John's cannot wait to see you all again!

We are excited that some of you are coming back.

It has been a long time since you were here and because of Coronavirus some things will be different when you return.

Please read this booklet with an adult and if you have any questions then your parent/ guardian can email the office and your teacher or Gemma will answer your questions.

This booklet is for children in nursery and Reception.

Who is coming back to school?

Only some children can come back to school soon.

These are children in nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Some children in these year groups won't be able to come back yet.

Parents/ guardians can read more about this in the letter on the website.

What days will children come into school?

The Government said that we have to have less children in each class. This is to keep everyone safe.

This means that children will not come to school every day.

You will either come to school on:

Monday and Tuesday

or

Thursday and Friday

That's only two days every week so you still get to have lots of time at home with your families.

Coming to school

All children will need to come to school by walking or in a car.

Children should not come to school on the bus, tube or train.

If you bring your bike or your scooter then your adult will need to clean the handles before it can come into school or take it home with them.

Only one adult should bring you to school and collect you from school.



Only one adult for each family

Things from home

Children cannot bring any items from home except:

- A water bottle (which must come in with the child every day and be taken home every day - this is because children cannot use shared water fountains or cups in school).
- A packed lunchbag.

Children must not bring:

- Toys
- Bookbags
- Books
- Any bags
- Face masks or gloves

Waiting to come into school

Each child will be given a group number. Some groups need to line up to come in at the main gate and some groups need to line up to come in at the big gates for the infant playground.

Each group will have a time to arrive.

Main gates	Infant gates
	

Waiting outside school

You will need to wait outside like you do at the supermarket. You will stand on the line with your adult and as each person walks forward, you will move to the next line too.



When you come into school

A teacher and TA will come to the gate to meet you. It might not be your normal teacher or TA as not all the adults can come to school at the moment.

Children will come in one at a time. Adults are not allowed inside the school gates.

<p>Children will use anti-bacterial on their hands (we have these at the gates).</p>	
<p>Children will have their temperature checked with a non-touch digital thermometer.</p>	
<p>Then they will line up on a colourful spot on the playground.</p>	
<p>Adults need to wait until after a child's temperature is checked before leaving.</p>	

In your classroom

There will be less children in your classroom. You will be with some children from your normal class but not all of your friends will be in. This is okay as you can make lots more friends.

There will also be less toys in your classroom and we won't have any cushions, blankets or soft toys.

This is because we need to be able to clean everything more to keep you all safe.

In Moon and Stars class there is a new wall between the two rooms so that Moon and Stars class children do not play together. This might make you a little sad but it's okay because you can play with the children in your group.

Children will have their own pack with a book, pencil, colouring pencils, Pritt stick and scissors.

There are still lots of things in nursery and Reception that the children will all use together like building blocks, painting equipment and train tracks. You will still be able to play with these things with your friends in your group.

Playing with your friends and teachers

Because of the Coronavirus, we need to try not to touch our friends and our teachers.

We can't give our friends and teachers hugs or hold their hands. But don't worry because you can still give your families big hugs and kisses when they come to collect you after school!

When you come back to school, your teachers and your friends will help you learn new games to play.

Being Outside

You will be doing lots of playing and learning outside.

Sun Class children will play in their playground and will do lots of learning in the playground.

Stars Class will play in their play area (the green outdoor space) and will do lots of learning outside on tables and chairs.

Moon Class will have an area just for them in part of the infant playground.

You will do lots of learning and playing outside too.

Washing our hands

I know that everyone has been washing their hands lots. When you come back to school we will be washing our hands throughout the day. This will happen:

When we go into school in the morning

When we move from being inside to outside and outside to inside

When we go to the toilet

Before and after we eat lunch

After we cough or sneeze

Before we go home from school

You need to practise so that you can wash your hands properly on your own before you come back to school. Your family can help you to get ready for this.

Playtime

At playtime you will stay in your class outside area. You will not go into a playground with all the other children as we need to play with less children at the moment. This means that you get to stay with your friends in your group all day! Hooray!

Each group will have a bag of resources for playtime. The resources are only for your group so you must keep them safe!



Lunchtime

You can bring your own packed lunch or you will be provided with a packed lunch.

You will eat in the classroom or your outside area with your group every day.
How exciting!

Monday
Cheese, onion, potato and pepper whirl
Cherry Tomatoes and Cucumber
Vanilla cake

Tuesday
Chicken Pasty
Vegetarian Patties
Jacket Wedges
Cucumber Batons
Melon slice

Wednesday
Cheese Salad wholemeal Baguette
Melon Wedge
Shortbread Biscuit

Thursday
Cheese and Tomato Calzone
Roast Cajun Sweetpotates
Mixed Crudites
Cream cheese and Biscuits

Friday
Fish Fingers
Oven Baked Chips
Mixed Crudités
Fresh Orange

caterlink
feeding the imagination

Lunch in a Bag

We will let you know if the menu is updated*

Tidying Up

You all need to do excellent tidying up when you come back to school. This is so the cleaners can clean everywhere properly when you go home so it's all lovely and tidy for the next day. We can't leave anything on the tables or sides and if you make any drawings or art work you must take those home with you.

Going home time

At the end of the day you will say your prayer.

Then you will wash your hands and collect all of your things.

You will line up outside on the coloured dots again.

Your adults have to line up outside on the lines like they do with you in the morning.

Adults will have a time that they need to collect children and they must not be late as children cannot wait at the office.

As each adult gets to the front of the line then you will be called to go to your adult and go home.

When you are collected you need to leave with your adult straight away.

What learning will children do?

You will do the same activities that your teacher set for you to do at home but you will do them in school with the teachers and TAs. This is so everyone is still learning all the same things.



Masks

You might have seen lots of people wearing masks when you go out to the shops or for a walk. At school the children will not wear masks because masks can be annoying and we don't want you to touch your faces.

Sometimes the adults in school will wear masks. This might be when you are in the classroom and they need to help you with something or if you have an accident.

The end!

There is lots of new information for you to think about in this book and we think you should read it every day until you come back to school. This is so you are ready and you are not worried about things being different.

You can ask your families questions about the book and you can ask your teachers questions by emailing them.

Keep being well behaved at home and be kind and helpful to your families.

We hope to see you soon.