



**ST MARY
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VC ACADEMY

Thursday 4th March 2021

Dear families,

As you are fully aware, the government has announced that school will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all of our pupils for face-to-face education. Many of you will welcome this news however, for some of you it may cause additional worry. Please be assured that we have many systems in place to ensure that school runs as safely as it possibly can.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure that pupils will return to school safely. We will continue with the following protective measures to keep everyone as safe as possible:

- 1) Children can be dropped off ANYTIME between 8.40am-8.55am. This is to help everyone to remain socially distant whilst on the school site.
- 2) Children can be collected from school ANYTIME between 3pm and 3.15pm. Again, this is to help you remain socially distant whilst on the school site. **This is a slight change to the previous times.** Please note that the gates will not open before these times so do not arrive early and cause unnecessary queuing.
- 3) **The drop off and collection points for EYFS (FS1 and FS2) children have changed.** We will write to EYFS families to confirm the new locations.
- 4) Please drop off or collect your child/children then leave the site promptly.
- 5) To reduce the number of adults on site, we ask for only one parent/carer per household to drop off and collect children. Please respect this request.
- 6) Year 3 and Year 4 children are not allowed to leave the school site without a parent or responsible adult collecting them.
- 7) Year 5 and Year 6 children are allowed to walk to adults off the school site however any parents must wait away from the gates to avoid blocking others.
- 8) As you leave the school site, remember to not block the 'exit only' gate by stopping to talk to other parents, as this creates queues on the playground as other parents are trying to leave the site. Please keep the pathway between the entry and exit gates clear.
- 9) Whilst on the Key Stage 2 playground, please remain in the one-way system – do not spread out across the playground as this makes it difficult for the staff to see parents for hand-over purposes.
- 10) The play equipment cannot be used before or after school.
- 11) The use of mobile phones is not permitted whilst on the school site.
- 12) Please wear a facemask whilst on the school site, this includes drop off and collection times.

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13) Breakfast Club involves a booking system and has a maximum capacity. Only use breakfast club if you must. To book breakfast club places for next week, please use the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qdUTV_BPVUGOO9qE3WcRKYm12GH72xRjh1iahPXaibRUNEc1UEhLVFkyS0dOSko3RE9UVFM1OFoyUi4u

Additionally, staff members are now being tested twice weekly for Covid-19. Please be aware that there are currently no proposed plans to test primary school children.

Attendance

From Monday 8th March 2021, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if any of the following apply:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will:

- **Continue to provide remote learning work for pupils. There will not be a daily Google Meet.**

Lockdown has been a challenging period for us all, and we would like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, please ring the school office on 01482 825625.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make any changes due to new government guidance.

God Bless,

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