



Rainhill St Ann's CE Primary School
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Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are delighted that school will be reopening fully to all pupils on Monday 8th March. The arrangements going forward are outlined below, but first of all I would like to thank and congratulate our pupils, families and staff for everything that has been accomplished during the national lockdown. It has been an exceptionally difficult time for all concerned but everyone has risen to the challenges presented; children learning from home, parents/ carers supporting remote education and of course staff delivering teaching and learning online and continuing to play an instrumental role in the running of school during the pandemic. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents/ carers for the overwhelming messages (and cards and gifts) of praise and thanks about the quality of our remote education. Your positivity and kindness has kept everyone in good spirits.

Risk assessment

Over the past couple of days we have been busy reviewing our risk assessment in preparation for our re-opening. This has been updated in light of the latest government guidance provided to school (Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance Feb 2021). The revised risk assessment can be found on our website under the Covid19 tab. All protective measures will remain in place. Should any parents/ carers have any concerns or anxieties about the full re-opening of school, or you feel your child may be at increased risk from coronavirus (perhaps because of having an underlying health condition or if they are BAME), please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

School attendance is once again mandatory from 8th March. The usual rules on school attendance will once again apply including:

- Parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school
- The ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Drop off and Collection

Staggered start and finish times will remain in place to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school

Class	Drop off time	Collection time	Gate
EYA	8.30am	2.55pm	Back gate
EYR	8.35am	3.00pm	Back gate
1H	8.30am	2.55pm	Front gate 1
1R	8.30am	2.55pm	Front gate 2
2B	8.40am	3.05pm	Side gate
2T	8.40am	3.05pm	Back gate
3G	8.40am	3.05pm	Front gate 2
3H	8.40am	3.05pm	Front gate 1
4F	8.50am	3.15pm	Back gate
4P	8.50am	3.15pm	Front gate 2
5E	8.50am	3.15pm	Side gate
5H	8.50am	3.15pm	Front gate 1
6O	9.00am	3.25pm	Front gate 1
6P	9.00am	3.25pm	Front gate 2
Siblings drop off (for siblings whose class start times are more than 10 minutes apart)	8.35am We welcome 1H in at 8.30am so please do not arrive until 8.35am	N/A	Front gate 1

Side Gate: This entrance is at the front of school on View Road. It is a small green gate that is accessed via the driveway to the carpark. It is close to the Base entrance.





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Drop off and collection reminders

- Only 1 family member to drop off and collect
- Queue single file and only with your child's class bubble
- Wear face coverings
- Leave the premises **immediately** after dropping off and collecting
- Remember to socially distance from each other and staff
- Avoid arriving early to reduce gatherings around the school premises
- If you need to speak to a member of staff please phone or email to avoid having face to face conversations

What can children bring to school?

Children should only bring the following items to school:

- Coat
- Sun hat
- School book bag
- Water bottle
- Reading book
- Home School Reading Diary
- Packed lunch box (if applicable)
- Healthy snack if not having toast from school (**fruit/ veg or toast from home only**)
- Mobile phones: Children are only permitted to bring a mobile phone to school if they are walking to and from school unsupervised.
- Wellies: As the field will be used as an outdoor play area, in order to reduce mixing between classes, every day **all children** will need a pair of wellies which will be left in school in a named carrier bag.

Reading Diaries

Please ensure that your child's reading diary is up to date so that upon their return, staff can continue to award children with their reading certificates.

PE Timetable

Children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on the day/s their class has PE.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4	Year 2	EYR	EYA	Year 1
	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4	Year 5
			Year 6	

BASE

Base Breakfast and After School Club will remain closed until Easter. This will be kept under review, and part of the second phase of our full re-opening. Updates will be communicated via the school newsletter. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is felt a cautious approach is necessary after the high levels of infection that school suffered during the lockdown.

Lunch

Children can continue to have a school meal or bring a packed lunch as usual. Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms, with the exception of the Early Years who will use the hall.





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Toast

Toast will be available to all children on their return to school on 8th March. The cost of Toast from 8th March until the end of term is £3.60. If you wish your child to receive Toast during this period please ensure that you have a balance on your Arbor Toast account of at least this amount by **12 noon on 4th March**. If you had previously paid for Toast in Spring 1 on ParentPay this credit of £6 has been transferred to your Toast account on Arbor. If you have a credit on your account and you **do not** wish your child to receive Toast from 8th March **please email the school office on stannsce@three-saints.org.uk prior to 12 noon on 4th March**. For future reference it is now possible to pay for Toast for forthcoming half terms by putting your Toast account in credit. The amounts due for the remainder of the school year will be £5.80 for Summer 1 term and £6.80 Summer 2. We will also continue to give a cut-off date each half term for the forthcoming half term if you do not wish to keep a credit on your account.

Remote Education

Where it is necessary for individuals, groups, classes or year groups to isolate due to coming into contact with a confirmed positive case of covid19 or for school to close in the event of an outbreak or local or national lockdown, remote education will immediately be put in place. Remote Education will continue to be delivered via the platform Microsoft Teams.

Mentoring Conversations

The next Mentoring conversations will take place in the summer term. The date of which will be communicated via the newsletter. In the meantime, should any parent/ carer wish to discuss their child's well-being, progress or attainment, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Homework

We will not be sending any homework home other than reading books. All homework will be online set on either MSTeams, Tapestry or through our online subscriptions.

How can parents/ carers help to prepare their child for their return to school?

While lots of our children will be excited to return to school (or remain in school but see all their friends again), there will be others who might be feeling a little worried – this is to be expected and perfectly normal. With the exception of one day, the large majority of our children have not attended school for a length of time longer than the summer holidays. In addition to this, they are returning to school in the middle of a pandemic, they may also have got used to spending large amounts of time with family, so they may be having mixed feelings about coming back to school. In the lead up to Monday 8th March, a good idea, if you haven't done so already, is to start talking to your child about returning to school, discussing the things they are looking forward to, but also giving them the opportunity to share all their thoughts and feelings. If your other commitments allow, building back in term time routines is another way in which you can support and prepare your child for their return to school e.g. earlier bedtime, night time routine of bath and a story, getting up at the time they do for school, resuming daily reading and so on. Returning to school is likely to be very tiring, and perhaps a little emotional, and taking these small steps will really help with the transition back into full time school. Staff will also be looking out for the children's mental health and wellbeing on their return and supporting children in settling back in.

What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during Covid-19

Yesterday the government updated their guidance for parents/carers about schools during the pandemic. This can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of the coronavirus:

Pupils must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms





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- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

If your child develops any of the following in school, they will be isolated and you will be contacted to collect your child (and their siblings) immediately and arrange for them to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have covid19.

- a new and continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Other members of the household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in the household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, and the next 10 full days. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test. If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

I hope that this letter has provided you with the information you need to understand the arrangements in place for our re-opening on Monday 8th March. We are looking forward to welcoming your child/ren back and I hope that you are assured that we have taken all possible steps to ensure safety for all in our setting. If you have any questions or suggestions on receipt of this letter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all parents/ carers for the over-whelming support and messages of praise and thanks during this unprecedented situation.

Stay safe

Yours sincerely

Mrs Laura Rynn
 Headteacher

