



St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!

Value of the Half Term

Hope

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

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SCHOOL UPDATE

It's very nearly time for our full re-opening. Please find a reminder of all arrangements below. As always, any questions, please contact school in the usual way. We'll see you on Monday 8th March!

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 <i>(for siblings whose class start times are more than 10 minutes apart)</i>	8.35am <i>We welcome 1H in at 8.30am so please do not arrive until 8.35am</i>	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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU & WELL DONE

On behalf of all the staff at Rainhill St Ann's, we would like to thank all our families for supporting the children during the national lockdown. We understand that it has been extremely difficult to support your child's learning from home while trying to juggle all of your other commitments, but you have all done an AMAZING job. We are confident that the children will have continued to make progress over the last 8 weeks, and we are looking forward to seeing them all again on Monday! Thank you also for the kind messages of thanks and praise for staff. We really appreciated your moral support!

HOW CAN YOU PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR RETURNING 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.

BASIC SKILLS QUALITY MARK



We are delighted to share that this week we had an interim support and review visit from the Basic Skills Agency. The assessor was impressed by our English, Maths and Phonics provision, as well as our remote education. She especially praised the staff who lead on these areas. We are looking forward to receiving the report.

IMPORTANT - DATE CHANGE

You may remember that the Government urged schools to close for Christmas on Thursday 17th December. To replace this extra day's holiday, school will now close on Wednesday 31st March instead of Tuesday 30th March. This means all children, whether learning in school or remotely will be expected to be in attendance on Wednesday 31st March. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. If this causes any issues for your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

ONLINE SAFETY FOR ALL

Several online safeguarding issues have recently been brought to school's attention. Any breach of school policy will have significant consequences and school will not hesitate in recommending the Police are contacted, or in making referrals to appropriate authorities should issues arise that are in breach of legislation as identified in Appendix 9 of school E-safety policy or where there are clear safeguarding issues.

Parents are strongly reminded to supervise all online activity with relevant parental controls in place not only to prevent breaches of use but to emphasise that there has been an increase in the number of children and young people groomed online in respect of sexual and criminal exploitation as well as radicalisation during lockdown.

Appendix 9 identified legislation and examples include:

Communications Act 2003 Sending by means of the Internet a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character; or sending a false message by means of or persistently making use of the Internet for the purpose of causing annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety is guilty of an offence liable, on conviction, to imprisonment. This wording is important because an offence is complete as soon as the message has been sent: there is no need to prove any intent or purpose.

Malicious Communications Act 1988 It is an offence to send an indecent, offensive, or threatening letter, electronic communication or other article to another person.

Telecommunications Act 1984 It is an offence to send a message or other matter that is grossly offensive or of an indecent, obscene or menacing character. It is also an offence to send a message that is intended to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to another that the sender knows to be false.

Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 This defines a criminal offence of intentional harassment, which covers all forms of harassment, including sexual. A person is guilty of an offence if, with intent to cause a person harassment, alarm or distress, they: • Use threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, or disorderly behaviour; or • Display any writing, sign or other visible representation, which is threatening, abusive or insulting, thereby causing that or another person harassment, alarm or distress.

Protection from Harassment Act 1997 A person must not pursue a course of conduct, which amounts to harassment of another, and which he knows or ought to know amounts to harassment of the other. A person whose course of conduct causes another to fear, on at least two occasions, that violence will be used against him is guilty of an offence if he knows or ought to know that his course of conduct will cause the other so to fear on each of those occasions.

School take the safeguarding of all pupils and their families seriously and will not hesitate in taking appropriate action.

***Remember by allowing access to the internet without relevant supervision and controls in place -
"YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD ACCESS TO THE WORLD AND YOU GIVE THE WORLD ACCESS TO YOUR
CHILD"***

TESTING FOR PARENTS & CHILDCARE SUPPORT BUBBLES

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online
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Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
 - report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended

READING DIARIES

We are very much looking forward to returning to school on Monday 8th March and seeing how much reading has been done during our time learning from home! As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be backdating any signed reading diaries for the whole of spring term so far. Please ensure that your child's diary is up-to-date and ready to be stamped on our first day back so that we can make sure all certificates that the children have worked so hard for can be awarded promptly.

GETTING BACK TO THE OLD ROUTINE

We are very much looking forward to teaching the curriculum to the children face to face once again, and making up for lost time in school, but before that begins children will be given the opportunity to reflect on their time away from school and remote education. Staff will also spend time reminding the children about our Covid secure routines and practices and re-establishing our high expectations for them.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY



Have you seen our Virtual Library? Check it out for some high-quality bedtime stories. The first 6 bookshelves contain 50 must-reads for children up to Year 2, but they will be enjoyed by children of any age. The final book shelf is for World Book Day. It contains favourite picture books of some of our staff, and all of which have been read by members of our staff. The Virtual Library has been uploaded onto each class MSTEAMS, but can also be accessed via our website.

***If you read just one book a day to child for 5 years, they will have listened to 1825 books!
Just think of the benefits!***

If you would like advice on age appropriate books, check out your child's Home School Diary or ask your child's teacher for advice.

A MESSAGE FROM MELLORS

We're delighted to be able to share with you our video outlining the steps we've put in place to keep our customers and staff safe while maintaining the very best catering services. Our Two Metres and Veg video is a great opportunity for us to share what our COVID-19 remobilisation team has been working on and to reassure parents that their child will be completely safe to enjoy a healthy and delicious school meal when they return next week.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTqxCgyeUNE>

Instagram update



You should be over 13 years of age to set up an account. To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but this isn't verified). Instagram is used to post photos and videos and users can also DM (direct message), add to their stories (these disappear after 24 hours) and broadcast using IGTV.

A guide to Instagram

If your child is using Instagram, then download a copy of 'A Parent's Guide to Instagram' here: <https://help.instagram.com/377830165708421>

Wellbeing toolkit

Instagram have collaborated with The Jed Foundation (JED) and Internet Matters to create a toolkit which includes tools and suggestions to make your child's experience of using Instagram more positive. The toolkit is designed to help you start conversations with your child about how they use Instagram.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/wellbeing-and-safety-on-instagram-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

Additional Links

More tips from Instagram including how to manage privacy:

<https://help.instagram.com/154475974694511>

Ensure that your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Call of Duty An update

Call of Duty games are predominantly rated 16 or 18+ by PEGI (<https://pegi.info/>), which means you should **be over these ages to play** them. Many of the games receive this rating because they contain **bad language and graphic violence**.

You should also be aware of in app purchases and in game chat.

Further information is available here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-call-duty-warzone>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.3.21.

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

Fortnite

An update

Is your child playing Fortnite? It appears to remain popular, so we thought we'd provide an update for you. It is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to 100 players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:

Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour. More info here: <https://www.epicgames.com/help/en-US/fortnite-c75/battle-royale-c93/how-do-i-report-bad-player-behavior-in-fortnite-a3276>.

In app purchases:

All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases. More information about what in-game purchases are can be found here:

<https://pegi.info/page/game-purchases>

Addictive nature:

Games such as Fortnite can be addictive. It is important that children play games in moderation and that they continue to exercise and have other interests as well.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. Find out more about parental controls here: <https://www.epicgames.com/fortnite/en-US/parental-controls>. Also, remember to set up age appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on as well.



We always recommend playing the game with your child so you can see what they are playing and monitor the sort of chat that they are listening to/contributing to. Remind your child that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Further information

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-fortnite>

POSITIVE CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID19

Please can politely request that parents/ carers continue to inform school if someone in your household tests positive for Covid. We are continuing to support our local health protection team in the tracking and tracing of cases within the local community. Thank you.

RETURN OF LOANED DEVICES

As school will be reopening to all children on Monday 8th March, we kindly ask that if you have a device at home that has been loaned from school you return this to your child's class teacher during the Week Beginning 8th March. Please ensure that all parts to the device, which may include chargers and protective cases, are also returned and that the device is clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Many thanks.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

Please see your texts concerning two safeguarding concerns in the St Helens area this week. Please speak to your child about staying safe out in the community and reporting anything that concerns them to the police and or school.

Thank you

WEEKLY REMINDERS

PE TIMETABLE

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	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	

TOAST

Toast at break time is available every half term. For your child to receive toast your Arbor account must be in credit by at least the payment amount on or before the start of each new half-term, or as currently the re-opening of school. The deadline for this remaining half term (8th March – 31st March) has now passed.

Details of the credit required on your Arbor account to receive Toast after the Easter holidays will be sent out week commencing 15th March 2021.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TERM DATES

	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term	7 th September 2020	23 rd October 2020
	2 nd November 2020	17 th December 2020
Spring Term	4 th January 2021	12 th February 2021
	22 nd February 2021	31 st March 2021
Summer Term	19 th April 2021	28 th May 2021
	7 th June 2021	22 nd July 2021

PURCHASING SCHOOL ITEMS

If you wish to purchase a school item this can now be done through Arbor. If you make a purchase please email the School Office at stannsce@three-saints.org.uk so that arrangements can be made to issue the item.

Current prices are as follows:

School Bag	£9.00
Junior Tie	£3.50
Elasticated Tie	£3.00
Replacement Planner	£4.00

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‘But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles’ **Isaiah 40:31**

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Thursday	4 th March 2021	World Book Day
Friday	5 th March 2021	World Maths Day 4F Family Worship – Postponed to Summer Term
Monday	8 th March 2021	Assessment Week - Cancelled
Friday	12 th March 2021	3H Family Worship – To be Confirmed
Friday	19 th March 2021	Super Leaders Day 2
Friday	26 th March 2021	4P Family Worship-Postponed to Summer Term
Monday	29 th March 2021	Aspirations Day 1
Tuesday	30 th March 2021	Aspirations Day 2 Easter Bingo – To be Confirmed Y5 Easter Service – To be Confirmed
Wednesday	31 st March 2021	School Closes for half term