

2nd September 2020



Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to seeing all children in Years 1 – 6 returning to school on Monday 7th September and Reception children starting on either Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th September. We ask you all to arrive between 8:40 and 8:55 am so that there is a steady flow of arrivals.

We know this can be an anxious time for everyone and we want to alert you to the measures we are putting in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible from COVID19 transmission during these uncertain times.

- All children will sanitise their hands on entering school and will wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.
- **On P.E. days children will need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit for the day- teachers will email you with the PE days for each class. (No PE bags brought to school)**
- All children will bring their **own pencil cases** with writing and colouring stationery and these will be kept in school in their own trays. Children can also bring in a **book of their choice** for quiet reading.
- The staff car park will be out of use between 8:40 and 8:55 am so that Y5 & Y6 children are arriving in a safe zone.
- Desks, chairs, door handles and light switches will be wiped down at break times.
- All children from Year 2 up will work at desks facing forward.
- When staff are working within 2 meters of children, they will wear a face visor in order to protect each other from virus transmission.
- Younger children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to use role-play areas and any items used will be wiped or washed at the end of each day.
- All children will have designated class areas at playtimes (rotated weekly) and children can bring their own skipping ropes to school.
- KS2 children will eat lunch in their classrooms; KS1 & Reception classes will eat in a designated space in the hall.
- Toilets will be cleaned midday and at the end of each day and children will use a designated toilet for their group, one at a time.

Below you will see a reminder from our July newsletter of the arrangements for timings and routines at the beginning and end of the day.

Please note that some year groups will be using different entrances around the school to avoid mass gatherings at one gate. These will be labelled and children will exit from the same gate they arrived at the end of the day.

YR & Y2: Use the gate nearest the square.

Y6 & Y5: Use the gate by the staff car park.

Y1, 3 & 4: Use the usual main gate.

Signs will be on each of the gates as reminders. There will be red heart marks sprayed on the ground to help the children with distancing. Please ensure that your child/ren are dropped off and picked up by only one parent or carer to help keep the number of people gathering at entrances and exits to a minimum.

If your child is in Year 5 and 6 and you wish for them to walk home from school, please email the school office by the end of Friday 4th September giving your permission and details regarding days your child will be walking home.

Packed lunches will be available to order online via Chartwells (order 2 weeks in advance)

<https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> We hope to provide hot meals at a later date.

If you or your child have any concerns please either email the office or email your child's new teacher. Each morning, there will be a member of staff on each gate if you have information to pass on. The teacher emails are:

Mrs Hall- Reception/Maple class: s.hal@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Mrs Reader -Year 1/ Elm class: s.reader@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Mr Pickavance -Year 2/Sycamore class: a.pickavance@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Miss England -Year 3/ Beech class: e.England@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Mrs Dale -Year 4/ Oak class: g.dale@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Mrs Henderson - Year 5/ Willow class: a.henderson@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

Miss Cheeseman - Year 6/Rowan class: k.cheeseman@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

In summary, children will need to bring their lunch, a drink, pencil case and a book of their own choice- all of these in an appropriate sized rucksack. If they like, they can also bring their own skipping rope to school and a small hand sanitiser.

We hope that everyone has a good start and are so looking forward to being altogether again.

Best wishes,

Mrs Christopher