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Dear Parents, Carers,

I hope you are well in these unusual times. The recent Government guidance on 22nd February allows us all to return to school on **Monday 8th March 2021**. We will be overjoyed to fill our school once again and regain its heartbeat with your children!!

Entry and Exit	Entrance	Exit
<p><i>We will continue to follow Government guidelines and will continue to implement a staggered entry and exit system to promote social distancing and avoid congestion at the school gate. PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP YOUR CHILD.</i></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please ensure only ONE adult accompanies children to and from school. ➤ No cars should enter the school car park except for staff and deliveries. ➤ Enter school via the gate in front of the Foundation Stage Unit ➤ Exit school via the pedestrian gate beside the Car Park. ➤ Please ensure you are prompt with your times to avoid congestion and confusion. ➤ Please do not open the gate - allow a staff member to do this to keep our school community safe. <p><u>If you have siblings in different year groups:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bring them all together at the EARLIEST START TIME (of your family) ➤ Collect them all together at the EARLIEST EXIT TIME (of your family) 	<p>Year 6 Drop off 8.30am-9.00am Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p>Year 5 Drop off 8.30am-9.00am Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p>Year 4 Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.25pm</p> <p>Year 3 Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.25pm</p> <p>Key Stage 2 Gates will open at 8.30am for a free flowing entry.</p>	<p>Children in Nursery and Reception will exit via the blue fence in the EYFS area.</p> <p>Nursery (morning) Drop off 8.45am Pick up 11.45am</p> <p>Nursery (afternoon) Drop off 12.15pm Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p>Reception Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.15pm</p> <p>Year 1 Drop off 8.30am Pick up 3.00pm</p> <p>Year 2 Drop off 8.30am Pick up 3.00pm</p>
		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Bagels will be provided for all children!</p> </div>

Parents Evening

We will organise a Parents Evening telephone appointment when the children are back in school.

Contacting School

- In order to keep everyone safe, please do not come to the school office.
- If you have a question please continue to contact us by either telephone or e-mail.
- If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact us to make a telephone appointment.
- Please continue to check Twitter and our school website for updates.

If you have any questions about your child's return, please contact the school office before 8th March.

Attendance

- From 8th March, school attendance is once again **mandatory**. If your child is absent, you **must** contact school before 10am to report the reason for the absence. If you don't you will receive a phone call from the school office.

Masks

DfE/Government Recommendations on Face Masks (Children)

- "Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering".
- **We request that you wear a mask when dropping off/ collecting your child.**

Illness

"If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste or smell they must be sent home and advised to follow Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed Coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- They must self-isolate for at least 10 days
- They should arrange a test
- Other members of the family should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms."

Therefore, it is essential we have up to date contact information. Please get in touch with the school office if you have updated your telephone number.

If there is an outbreak in school:

- If there appears to be an outbreak of the virus within school, the authorities will be informed, advice taken and appropriate steps followed. Please note this may include the collapse of a bubble or in more serious cases, the whole school.
- If there is a positive case in school, school will work with Public Health and follow advice however close contacts will be contacted to self-isolate for 10 days.
- School will contact you swiftly via text message.

Close Contact means:

- Anyone who lives in the same household as someone with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or who has tested positive for coronavirus.
- Anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) with a PCR or LFD test:
 - ❖ Face to face contact including being coughed on or having a face to face conversation within 1 metre;
 - ❖ Been within one metre for 1 minute or longer without face to face contact.
 - ❖ Been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes
 - ❖ Travelled in the same vehicle.

If a Bubble teacher displays symptoms:

Lateral Flow Testing

- Rapid testing using lateral flow devices (LFD's) will support staff however this may result in a bubble closure.
- The member of staff will be sent home and asked to arrange a test.
- Cover will be arranged for the bubble if possible.
- Parents will be informed as appropriate and next steps discussed.

If a child displays symptoms:

- If a child becomes unwell in school, they will be isolated in the designated area and a parent will be contacted.
- If a child is unwell at home, please do not send them to school. It is your responsibility to arrange a test. Parents must let school know if a test has been taken and the results of that test.
- Follow latest government guidelines.

Liturgies and Collective Worship

- Daily collective worship will take place in individual class bubbles.
- There will be no whole school liturgies, Masses or assemblies until Government guidance changes.

Online Learning

- In the event of a bubble closure or school closure we will continue to provide daily lessons on our Google Classroom platform supported with Reading Plus, TT Rockstars and a hard copy of resources if required. (The loan of ICT equipment can be arranged to support this if necessary).

School Meals

- Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue to be provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Free School Meals will continue to be provided for those children who are eligible.
- If you would like to pay for a school meal, please pay online at www.sunderland.gov.uk (we are unable to accept any cash payments) £2.20 per day/£11 per week
- From 8th March we will be offering **hot lunches**. If your child usually has a school meal but you prefer to provide your own, please let us know before 8th March.

Breakfast Club

- "Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and keep that number as small as possible". DfE*
- Therefore, initially we will be **unable** to offer a Breakfast Club; we will look to reinstate a revised 30 place Breakfast Club after Easter **if** circumstances allow this.

School Uniform/PE Kits

- All children will be expected to return to school in their uniform (available from Little Gems).
- School PE lessons will be held outside as much as possible following Government guidelines, therefore, please send your child to school in a **suitable** outdoor PE Kit (blue/grey tracksuit bottoms or black/grey shorts). Your child's PE days are as follows:

PE Kit should be worn to come to school on the following days:

Nursery	Wednesday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Monday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday

First Aid

- Each class bubble will have access to its own First Aid kit.
- First Aiders will be available throughout the day.
- A separate room is designated and equipped for the event of a member of the school falling ill. Children falling ill during the school day must be collected by an adult immediately.

Cleaning and Hygiene

- Children will sanitise their hands upon entry and exit of school.
- Frequent handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Tables and regularly touched surfaces will be regularly cleaned throughout the day.
- Classroom doors and windows will be kept open to aid ventilation.
- Shared resources will be kept to a minimum and washed or wiped at the end of each day or after use.

AFTER EASTER - After School Clubs

Following Government/DfE guidance and our latest risk assessment, we are currently unable to offer our usual 'mixed year group' after school clubs.

However, **after the Easter holiday** we are hoping we may be able to offer individual year group clubs (see opposite) as an alternative, in order to keep everyone safe *(if circumstances and staffing allow)*.

Clubs would finish at 4.15pm and would initially be free of charge.

We will provide further information nearer the time.

Day:	Year Group	Club	Staff
Monday	Year 1	Fitness Club	Miss Crane
Tuesday	Year 2	Multi Skills	Miss Crane
	Year 5	Art Club	Mr Roddy
Wednesday	Reception	Active Kids	Active Kids
	Year 3	Fitness Club	Miss Crane
Thursday	Year 4	Archery Club	Miss Crane
	Year 6	STEM Club	Mrs Collins

Year Group Bubbles

"Maintaining distinct groups of bubbles that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate and to keep that number as small as possible". DfE

- The children will be in their Year Group Bubble and desks will all face the front with children sitting side by side where possible.
- There will be minimal movement around the school.
- Children will have access to their own set of equipment on their desk.
- There will be no 2m social distancing between children in classrooms, however where possible children will be encouraged to keep their distance from each other.
- Staff will remain at a 2m distance from colleagues and children as much as possible.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered and children will be able to play together with their own year group but will not be able to mix with other classes or other year group bubbles.
- If it is wet outside children will remain in their classroom bubbles.
- All children will be expected to follow our school Behaviour Policy, an amendment has been added to take into account the current situation.
- Staff will continue to wear face masks in and around school.

Personal Belongings

- No mobile phones should be brought into school (if this poses a problem for anyone please get in touch with the school office)
- Water bottles may be brought to school for personal use and should have **your child's name on**.
- All pens, pencils etc. will be available in school and will be sanitised each day.
- A lunch bag may be brought to school.
- Coats will remain on the back of chairs in classrooms. No items will be left in cloakrooms.
- Nursery and Reception pupils may bring a backpack with spare clothes in e.g. underwear, socks and this can remain in school.

We would like to thank you all for your support and kind words over the past few months. Everyone at St. John Bosco School is looking forward to welcoming you all back on 8th March.

God bless and stay safe.

Lianne Peart
Headteacher

'Caring for each other as we live, learn and grow in God's love'