



All Saints CE Primary School & Nursery

Nurturing, Resilience and Achievement for all!

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Wednesday, 01 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

And so, September is here and we're busy preparing to welcome the children back to school from tomorrow!

We hope you've had a brilliant summer holiday, full of time with friends and family. I have certainly enjoyed being able to catch up with people we've not been able to spend time with since March last year. I know the class staff are very much looking forward to hearing all about the summer adventures the children have been on too.

We are also looking forward to things returning back to as near to normal as we are likely to get this term!

- The bubble system is paused, so classes are more able to mingle through the day. It may return if there are large numbers of cases in school (5 or more children/staff testing positive in the same group)
- Whole school activities – particularly Collective Worship – can restart!
- Singing altogether is allowed once more (subject to ventilation)
- Parents will be permitted to come round to the playground at the end of the day to collect children from classes, though we are keeping the drop off arrangements as they are (see below for details).

This week, the classes will spend time focussing on their new routines and expectations. We will also be thinking about our school values, how they are shown in our daily lives in school (and out!).

Staff will be continuing with twice weekly testing for COVID, hand washing and enhanced cleaning will also remain part of our daily lives in school.

A FEW REMINDERS:

Drop Off/Collection

Although officially staggered times have been removed from guidance, they have really helped us logistically in school and we would like to continue them as part of helping to reduce congestion on site (alongside any COVID benefit we may get from that!). Thank you.

Drop Off Times			
If you have more than one child to drop off: Drop EVERYONE off at the earliest time for your family group!			
8.40am	8.45am	8.50am	Please exit the site through the Car Park gate as previously!
Reception (Gate 1) Y1 (Gate 2) Y4 (Gate 2)	Y2 (Gate 2) Y5 (Gate 2)	Nursery (Gate 1) Y3 (Gate 2) Y6 (Gate 2)	
Collection Times – all from the playground/class doors			
The playground side gate will open a few minutes before the earliest collection time.			
3.10pm	3.15pm	* Year 5 and Year 6 will be able to walk home alone if parents have given permission in writing . Please email the school office with your child's name and year group. Thank you.	
Reception	Y3		
Y1	Y4		
Y2	Y5 * Y6 *		

Breaktime and Lunchtime

We continue to have two playtimes (to reduce congestion on the playground) and use staggered times for lunchtimes. The children will be told the timings by their teachers. At lunchtime, each class will eat together in a designated area – Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be in the Dining Hall or Main Hall (not all at the same time!), and all other year groups will be in their classrooms.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS A NAMED WATER BOTTLE – Children eating in their classroom will only be using their water bottle for a drink at lunch time – we will refill these as needed through the day.

Packed lunches are allowed, but the kitchen is open and providing hot meals too. Normal rules about bringing a healthy lunch apply (no nuts, no chocolate/sweets). Ensure packed lunch containers are clearly named.

What to Bring

Children should bring with them:

- Named water bottle
- Named coat
- Named lunch box (if bringing own lunch)
- Named hat (if weather requires it)

Children in **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** should bring a spare set if you feel your child will need it. We aren't able to provide spares!

Bags, if needed by your child, should be as small as possible.

What to wear

Children should wear their school uniform as normal.

PE kits on worn to school on PE days (we are continuing this because it has freed up significant amount of time to do other things!):

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u> (Sports Coach)	<u>Thursday</u> (Sports Coach)	<u>Friday</u>
Y3		Y3 Y4 Y2 Y5	Y1 Y6	Y6

Y5 are also swimming on Tuesday Mornings (not starting until 14th September at earliest – look out for a letter next week)

Y4 have yoga on Tuesday afternoon – but do not need any special clothing for this session and it can be done in their school uniform.

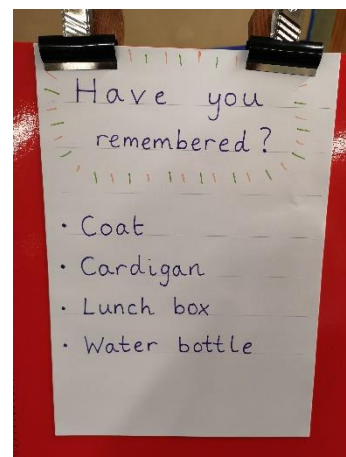
Forest School (Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2):

Wellies, coats and school jumpers (we go outside, even if cold/wet!). School will provide waterproof dungarees to cover normal school uniform (it works very well!).

Reception Class on **Tuesday**

Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 on **Friday**

We are hoping to re-start Forest School for KS2 classes in the Spring Term.



Any queries, questions or messages?

Please continue to email or ring the school office rather than pop in (to avoid congestion). We will send messages to the right person and do our best to help with questions!

School Office: admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk Tel. 01279 836006

Special Education Needs or Disabilities (SEND): senco@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding or welfare concerns: email dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk if you would prefer to discuss something confidentially – only seen by Mr Asher, Ms Brooks or Mrs Moore.

Google Classroom

We will be reopening the Google Classrooms for the children on Monday. This will be used for Home Learning / Home Work – alongside other online resources. Children will be reminded of login details in the first week – please give us time to get classroom routines established before expecting interaction online!

Google Classroom is a resource for the children – they can share ideas, submit work and complete tasks. Staff will be checking Google Classroom when they can – because they are working with their full class in school, they won't be able to check online every day. **Parents should not use Google Classroom to pass on messages for their child's teacher – please use the school email addresses or telephone as above. Thank you!**

Tapestry

We use Tapestry in Nursery, Reception and Y1 – this is a place you can send messages or post photos of things done at home – please do! It forms part of how we support the children in school. Let us know if you need a reminder of your login details – the easiest way to use it is through the app.

SchoolComms Gateway – payments and messages

Remember to download the app to pay online for anything you might need to and get instant messages whenever we send something out. If you're having difficulty, contact the school office and we'll try to help!

Remote Learning

We are updating our Remote Learning plans in the coming week, though they are unlikely to change significantly. The Government has made it clear schools must provide Remote Learning to children required to self-isolate due to COVID. We expect parents to support this, and for the children to fully engage with this, unless they are too unwell to do so.

Collective Worship and Celebration Assembly

We are now able to meet together as a whole school and will be doing so whenever possible. We are also delighted to begin using our new hall floor!

We have moved the timing to later in the school day – most classes enjoyed watching the videos and discussing our Collective Worship themes at the end of the day during the last year, and we want to continue this. It also makes valuable morning time (when brains are working their best) available for focused learning.

Monday – Mr Asher will lead us in a Values Assembly – launching the theme for the week and sharing any whole school updates.

Tuesday – a thinking theme, based on the values, in classes

Wednesday – singing praise! It's back, we'll continue to enjoy singing together.

Thursday – classes will explore themes and stories in their Key Stage groups, linked to the focus value

Friday – Celebration Praise: Shout outs, House Points and Celebrating great work! Once or twice per half term, we will have Merit Presentations at which we will also invite parents of children being presented with their Merit Milestone award.

Safeguarding Update

The Government has updated it's guidance to school on how to keep all the children safe – 'Keeping Children Safe In Education, DfE, 2021'. You can find a copy here online: [Keeping children safe in education 2021 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/91221/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2021.pdf)

One of the updates is about 'Third Party Disclosures' - where a parent/carer reports something they have witnessed or had disclosed to them about a family, child or situation outside of school. You can contact school with these concerns and we will do what we can to help. Call the school office or email dsl@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

But you will still have a duty to report concerns to the Child Protection team yourself and mustn't rely on the school to do this for you. **You can do this by calling 0300 123 4043**

If they are in immediate danger or a crime is being committed, please ring 999.

Reception/Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

If you booked in online or on the form at the meetings last term, we will hopefully by now have confirmed your slots ready for the next few days. For those who haven't had chance to do this, Mrs Turner, Mrs Wignall and Mrs McFarlane will be ringing round this afternoon and filling in any remaining slots.

Have a lovely rest of the day, and I look forward to saying hello over the next few days!

Mr Asher
Headteacher