



Information for Parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 – COVID19 September 2nd opening 2020

St Aidan's Church of England Primary Academy has been busy preparing to welcome back pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 on Wednesday September 2nd 2020. Information for our new starters in Reception class has been sent previously.

We have thought carefully about how to help all of the children, parents and teachers get ready. We have been making sure that we know how to move around and in and out of school. We have made hygiene stations in every room so all the children and staff can keep their hands clean.

We have put some reminders all around school for the children and staff to follow to make sure that we are keeping our school as healthy as possible.

Below is some important information for you moving forward as we welcome all of our pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

Travelling

Parents, children and young people are to walk or cycle to their education setting where possible.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Unfortunately we will not be running a breakfast club but will keep you updated if this changes. Parents/carers will need to drop children off at the appropriate entrance accessed from the yard. Both gates will be open from 8.30 am. Children will then wash their hands before going to their classroom. Classroom doors will be wedged open and children will be greeted by a member of staff. The same system will apply for collection at 3:15pm. Please do not wait outside the Year 6 classroom door as the path is narrow and we would not be able to maintain social distancing. Year 6 pupils will meet you on the yard,

Reception - Reception yard (Please see separate information for your dates and times etc)

Year 1 - Year 1 door (Previously Y4) - Please wait behind the barrier

Year 2 - Infant main door

Year 3 - Infant door next to reception class (Previously Y1 door)

Year 4- Junior backdoor

Year 5- Junior backdoor

Year 6 - Enter through the junior backdoor and exit through Year 6 door - pupils will walk round onto the yard

To maintain social distancing please leave the yard as soon as you have dropped off/picked up your child/children.

Any homemade non-disposable face coverings that staff or children are wearing when they arrive at their setting **must be removed** by the wearer and placed into a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home. **The wearer must then clean their hands!**

Arriving at School

Expectations for children

1. Children will be allowed in the building from 8.40am onwards via the allocated entrances.
2. Children **do need to wear a full school uniform** including black shoes - NO TRAINERS and their ALWAYS badge - If they have lost it we will replace it.
3. Children must sanitise/wash their hands when entering the building.
4. Children must follow the 2 metre rule when entering the building. Markings will help to guide children into their classroom and the floor markings in the communal areas will remind children of the direction to travel in.
5. Children will bring **only the minimal** that is needed to take into the classroom:
 - a. Coat - which will be hung in the cloakroom
 - b. Lunch - if they are not having a school dinner
 - c. Medical equipment (if required)
 - d. PE kit in a bag to be hung in the cloakroom
 - e. Reading book in a bag- if you still have any school reading books at home please return them to school
 - f. If pupils bring a mobile phone it will need to be put in the class box and will be stored securely in the classroom cupboard
 - g. **No pencil cases or water bottles required**
6. If a child is late, they will need to follow the usual late procedures. Parents or carers will not be granted access in the front reception. A member of the school office team will escort the pupil to their assigned room.

Expectations for parents

1. Parents are encouraged to talk positively about returning to school.
2. Pupils are expected to attend on time every day, unless they are ill.

Classes, Break and Lunch Procedures

- Pupils will remain in their class group throughout the day
- Pupils will sit in their class groups at lunchtimes. To ensure we can maintain social distancing in the dining room children who bring a packed lunch will eat their lunch in their class group in the hall.
- At playtime and lunchtimes children will play out in their classes in a designated area of the yard, all classes will have their own play equipment. Staff will be encouraging play that doesn't involve close contact. We have a large amount of ground marking games that children can play on with other children and still apply distancing measures. Children will be expected to remain socially distant from both peers and adults during play and break times. Children must stay in their designated area at all times. After break and lunch times, children will line up 2 metres apart and walk at this distance back to their base classroom, following the one-way system if necessary.

Hygiene Practice

As part of our hand hygiene procedures, all classrooms, corridors and communal spaces will have hygiene stations. These will house the following:

- Tissues
- Blue roll paper towel
- Hand sanitiser
- Posters to remind children how to dispose of tissues
- Bins with lids (emptied frequently)

Movement around School

Movement around the school will be limited and undertaken with adult guidance at all times. When the children leave their base classroom to go outside for break, lunch or outdoor learning, they will follow the markers on the floor to ensure they stay 2 metres from peers and adults. Children will follow an adult on their designated route, following the one-way system. Children will walk sensibly at all times. Access to the toilets will be available throughout the day.

Expectations for the use of materials

Children will have access to resources.

They will be provided with their own wipe clean pencil case with everything they will need for the day in it and these can be stored in/on their identified workstation.

We have ensured that each year group is following the same daily structure. Resources will be cleaned when appropriate throughout the day. Children will be washing their hands after each activity. General worktop surface cleaning will also take place after breaks, activities and lunches.

The classrooms will be fully cleaned every evening/morning.

Resources will be cleaned everyday.

Children Showing Signs of Illness

If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to the nurture room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision if required. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, they will be moved to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.

If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.

PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

If a member of staff has helped someone with symptoms, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (and in which case, a test is available) or the child subsequently tests positive (see 'What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?' below). They will wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people. See the [COVID-19: cleaning of non-healthcare settings guidance](#).

When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario.

Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. School will need to see evidence of the outcome of the test..

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the class or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise school on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children/young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Guidance for Staying at Home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RD6mEJbeJYw&feature=youtu.be>

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- loss of appetite

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

COVID19 Main messages

- If you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **10 days** from when your symptoms started. (The **ending isolation** section below has more information)
- After 10 days, if you do not have a high temperature, you do not need to continue to self-isolate. If you still have a high temperature, keep self-isolating until your temperature returns to normal. You do not need to self-isolate if you just have a cough after 7 days, as a cough can last for several weeks after the infection has gone
- If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), then you must stay at home for 7 days, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- For anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period.
- Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- If you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.
- If you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible.

- Reduce the spread of infection in your home: wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser; cover coughs and sneezes
- If you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:
 - Do **not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.
 - You do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home.
 - Testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) is not needed if you're staying at home.
- If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the **NHS 111 online** coronavirus (COVID-19) service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999
- If you develop new coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms at any point after ending your first period of isolation (self or household) then you need to follow the same guidance on self-isolation again.

Social Distancing Outside of School

This guidance explains the measures that will help you to stay alert and safe as we continue to respond to the challenges of coronavirus. Key parts of these measures are underpinned by **law**, which sets out clearly what you must and must not do – every person in the country must continue to comply with this. The relevant authorities, including the police, have the powers to enforce the law – including through fines and dispersing gatherings.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

There is more information for parents from the government here:

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-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term?utm_source=25%20August%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19