



*Greetings from
St. Augustine's*

Dear parents, carers and children

I Hope you are enjoying the holidays despite the changeable weather and safety restrictions.

Here at school we have been using government guidance, risk assessments and advice from health and safety experts to ensure a safe return for children and staff in September. Some measures were in place for pupils who came to school during the summer term. Others have been adapted to deal with larger numbers of pupils. I hope the following information helps you to plan for your child/children's return to school.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Mrs McCollom

STAFFING UPDATES

Unfortunately Miss Mclean is not well enough to return for the start of the new school year. We send her our prayers and good wishes.

We welcome Miss Rachael Heslop to teach Year 1

Sadly for school, Mrs Lumsdon has decided to retire and will not return in September. Mrs Lumsdon has worked as a Teaching Assistant at St. Augustine's for 20 years! Many pupils have benefited from her support both in and beyond the classroom. Children have also enjoyed her very dynamic Science Club. She will be greatly missed!

We have just been recruiting for our new Out of School Provision. We are pleased to welcome Miss Katherine Noble, to lead this provision and to work part time as a Teaching Assistant.

SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE

Phases 2 and 3 of the window project have been completed. This means we have smart, safe and more energy efficient windows and doors throughout the school. School would like to thank the Directors of Bishop Hogarth Education Trust for prioritising this work. We will need to provide 10% of the project costs. Please get your thinking caps on around socially distanced fundraising! Please contact Miss Wakelin, in September, with any ideas!



The main entrance door now has a security lock. Visitors will need to use the intercom to the left of the door to communicate with the office.



DEEP CLEAN

The entire school has been deep cleaned by NTH Solutions (An NHS Company) who were impressed at how clean our school was, even before they carried out their work. A deep Clean will take place each term.

Since March, School has also been thoroughly cleaned twice by our own staff on top of the daily cleaning in term time and the additional cleaning of surfaces on a daily basis. Additional cleaning will continue when school reopens.



Other safety measures that will be in place at the start of the school year

- ✓ Markings have been placed both inside and outside of school for social distancing and safe movement around school.
- ✓ Toilets are allocated to different bubbles. Groups do not mix and children can only go into the toilets one a time
- ✓ Children will remain in their class bubble, moving to Key Stage Bubbles for breaks, with the same adult/adults each day.
- ✓ At Breakfast Club and After-School Club children will be in their Key Stage Bubbles.
- ✓ At the end of the day, children will leave different entrances in their family bubbles/year group bubbles.
- ✓ We have lots of hand washing equipment around the school for children to access across the day. Every bubble has access to hot water for handwashing and to sanitising gel/liquid
- ✓ Equipment including stationary will be provided for each child and stays with them.





Please help us by explaining to your child that the adults in school will be keeping their distance from the children and each other. Most of our children are very affectionate and we have all had to learn to use a thumbs up/ a wave/a smile to replace cuddles!

During the summer term, we found that children were great at social distancing. Adults find it more difficult, particularly at the school gates! Please move away from school as soon as you drop off/pick up your child/children.



ILLNESS

- If a child is hurt or unwell during the school day, we have PPE equipment to ensure that first aid can be safely administered.
- If we have a child or adult with symptoms of COVID 19 we will send that child home immediately and inform other bubble members if a positive test result is received. If the test is positive for COVID 19 everyone in the safety bubble and their families will need to self-isolate for 14 days at home. We will always get expert advice before taking any action and we will pass on that advice to you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ILL OR YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS YOURSELF, DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.

- Make sure that we can always contact you immediately if your child becomes unwell.
- You must tell us if your child or anyone in your family is displaying symptoms of Covid 19. Your child will need to have a test and we will need to see the test result before he/she can return to school.



Travelling To and From School

- Please try to walk or cycle to and from school wherever possible.
- If you must travel by car:
please try to park a little further away from school and then 'Park and Stride'
Please observe traffic signs and parking restrictions.
No parking anywhere on the school grounds without a registered disability badge.
Badge holders may use either of the disability parking bays or the lower visitors car park, close to the main gates. Please do not use other spaces in the staff car park.
Do not stop on the yellow zig-zag lines or try to use the gate area as a turning circle.
Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let children out of a vehicle.
- If you have to use public transport to get to school please make sure that you have set off early enough to arrive at school at the right time. Don't forget your masks!
- **Year 6 pupils** are encouraged, with parent/carer permission to walk independently to and from school.

Staggered Starting times

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Breakfast Club
Time	9.10 to 9.20	8.55 to 9.05	8.40 to 8.50	8.40 to 8.50	8.55 to 9.05	8.40 to 8.50	8.55 to 9.05	7.40 a.m.
Location	Key Stage 1 gate	Key Stage 1 gate	Key Stage 1 gate	Key Stage 2 yard gate and KS2 cloakroom	Key Stage 2 yard gate and KS2 cloakroom	Pedestrian gate, Through the hall fire doors to classroom	Pedestrian gate Through the hall fire doors to classroom	Hall fire doors 8.40 move to class
It is very important to keep to the set time and the set entrance. Families- please arrive at the time set for your OLDEST child.								

Reception Class

1 parent may accompany your child up the path as far as the main entrance. Children go through the key Stage 1 gate and the parent should follow the one way arrows to leave the school grounds via the side gate in the car park.

Please do not arrive at school outside of your designated times. If you are running late then please contact school to arrange a different drop off time. This will be after 9.15 am and your child will be marked 'late after registration'

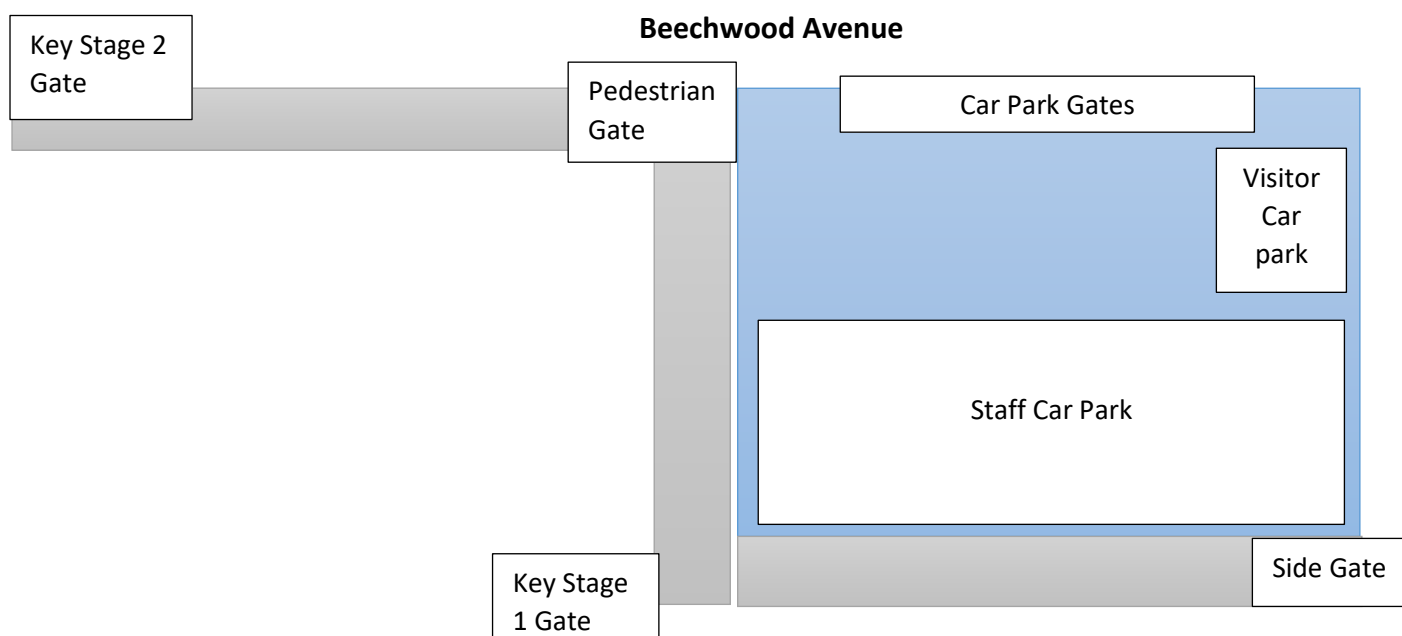
PICKING UP AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Families are grouped according to the year group of the OLDEST family member.

if the your oldest child is in Year 3 or Year 4, then all your children will leave at the time and exit set for Lower Key Stage 2 families.

If your oldest child is in Year 5 or 6 then all your children will leave at the time set for Upper Key Stage 2 families.

<u>3.00p.m.</u>	<u>3:15p.m.</u>	<u>3:25p.m.</u>
<u>Lower Key stage 2 Families</u> leave via Key Stage 2 cloakroom and Gate	<u>Year 3 & Year 4</u> leave via Key Stage 2 Gate	<u>Upper Key Stage 2 Families with children ONLY in KS2</u> leave via Hall and Pedestrian Gate
<u>Key Stage 1 Families</u> leave via KS1 Gate and main pedestrian gate	<u>Year1</u> leave via KS1 playground going to Side Gate in the car park. Parents to <u>wait in the alleyway.</u>	<u>Upper Key Stage 2 Families with children in both key stages:</u> Leave via KS1 playground going to side gate in the car park. Parents wait in the alleyway
<u>Reception Class</u> leave via KS1 Gate and main pedestrian gate	<u>Year2</u> Leave via Key Stage 1 gate going to main Pedestrian Gate	<u>Year 5 & Year 6</u> <u>leave via Key Stage 2 Gate</u> <i>If you miss your pick up window, please wait until 3.35 before you try to collect your child. Any children not collected from school by 3.45 will be taken to the after-school club to wait and a charge of £2.00 will be made.</i>



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Either school summer dress

or plain white polo shirt (or T shirt) + grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores

Dark green sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan

Children may wear trainers to school as they will not be getting changed for physical activity. This will be reviewed as safety measures change.

X No jewellery apart from watches

X No earrings

X No nail varnish

X No extreme haircuts – including tramlines!

Long hair should be tied back for practical and hygiene reasons.

X No bags to be brought to school apart from disposable lunch bags.

Every child should have a waterproof coat with them every day.

Children may bring their own water bottle to and from school every day.

P.E. KIT

Bottle Green shorts

Gold T-shirt

Children must come dressed in P.E. Kit on the days when they have PE lessons.

They will not be able to get changed in school.

Track suit bottoms/leggings/tops/hoodies/sweatshirts will be needed to ensure children are warm on P.E.days

School Meals

Attached are the updated menus for September. Children will be able to choose from a hot or cold option each day.

The kitchen will still be able to cater for any specific dietary requirements based on medical needs.

Children can still bring a packed lunch from home but this must be entirely disposable –

No lunch boxes or lunch bags. Lunches from home are still expected to be healthy and balanced – no chocolate bars and no fizzy drinks!

**The easiest, safest option is for your child to have a school lunch or a school packed lunch.
(Free for Reception and KS1 pupils)**

Key Stage 2 pupils may bring a piece of fruit for morning break

Other things to remember

- ***No visitors to school. Communication via telephone/email/MyEd.***

Class Dojos is for sharing class work, homework information and highlighting good work and behaviour. Absence, appointments and all other queries should be made through the school office.

- ***The office will only be taking cash for after-school activities and Reception Class Milk money. No other cash should be sent into school. A new SCOPAY letter will be sent out during the first week of term.***
- ***Please follow social distancing at all times – we will refuse entry to anyone who we believe is not following protective measures out of school.***
- ***Talk to your child about handwashing and social distancing where possible***
- ***Contact school with any queries. There are bound to be things we have forgotten!***
- ***Please remember that whilst we managed well with smaller numbers, reopening safely for all pupils is a huge challenge. We continue to try our very best and will be relying on the support and understanding of parents.***
- ***We have conducted a rigorous risk assessment to ensure we are all as safe as possible. The measures outlined in this letter are an essential part of that risk assessment to keep us all safe.***
- ***You can see from the messages on the website that the staff are really looking forward to seeing the children and welcoming them back to school.***