



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School

Strawberry Lane, Armley, LS12 1SF



16th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year. In this longer than usual letter we are going to try to give you as much information about September as we can. Please keep an eye on the website for any updates as the situation and Government guidance may change.

Firstly, a big thank you from me.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in St Bart's who has supported us over the past months during this very challenging time.

To all the staff who have worked hard to keep the children safe, and have been teaching the children in school and through providing home learning activities. In addition, for their continued support of the school.

To the Governors who have provided their support and guidance, including Sheila Banks and Father Michael who have been regular visitors in school and a welcome source of guidance.

To you the parents who have been patient and supportive throughout this unusual and unpredictable situation.

Lastly, to all the children, both in and out of school who have continued to work hard and have provided us with the light at the end of the tunnel. They have remained cheerful and positive. They are the reason we all do this job. Well done.

Mrs Jane Wainwright



Re-opening school

We are opening for all children on Monday 7th September.

We expect all children to return on this day. Please call school if your child will not be attending. The school will be following all normal attendance procedures from September including first day contact, home visits and referrals to other services and possible fines for holidays.

This has been a very worrying time and if you have any questions about your child returning to school please call us to discuss this. **Children returning to education is vital.** We will be putting all the recommended protective measures in place (see below) and will have a rigorous risk assessment that we will publish on our website once it is finalised.

Beginning and end of the day

We have had to ensure that we make these times of day as safe as possible and have staggered some year groups. We have also altered the entrances for some children. There will be staff outside every day to help.

Year	Start time	End time	Entrance/Exit
Nur	8.30 or 12.30	11.30 or 3.30	Back shelter/back fire exit
Rec	8.30 to 9.00	3 to 3.30	Own class doors
Year 1			Class 3 and 5 own class door, class 4 through class 3
Year 2			Own class doors
Year 3		3.15	Side door near nursery
Year 4		3.10	Back playground
Year 5		3.25	Back playground
Year 6		3.15	CI 19 hall. CI 21 side of hall. CI 20 ASC

Please make sure you bring your children and pick them up on time. Please leave the school grounds as soon as you can and do not meet in the playgrounds or at the entrances to school. Only one parent per family is to bring the children to school.

Parents in school

We will be only allowing parents in school by appointment or at allocated times to pay by card at the office. If you would like to speak to someone, please call, email the school, or see a member of the senior leadership team who will be around at the entrances at the beginning and end of the day.

Card payments for school lunches, breakfast and after school club can be made at the office on a Monday between 7am and 9am.

Lunches

We have made the decision that under the current circumstances, we cannot use the dining corridor for school meals and children will eat in their classroom.

From September, children who have a school meal will receive a grab bag; this includes a daily hot option. We will publish the menus on the website from next week. This is due to the continued restrictions in the school kitchen.

Children will be able to bring a packed lunch again. This must be in a labelled bag. We do not allow chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. Over the next year, we will be reviewing our pack lunch policy and will seek parental views on this.

If you want to buy a school dinner for your child, the cost will be £10 per week, you **must** pay for meals on a Monday. This can be in a labelled envelope and given to your child to take to class or can be paid for by card at the office between 7am and 9am on a Monday.

Please note your child must have their meal choice for a full week and changes cannot be made on a daily basis.

Protective Measures

St Bart's will be following the national and local guidance and is making adaptations where necessary. This will mean a different way of operating (a new normal). Children and parents who have been in school over the summer term will find most of the measures familiar and we will help those returning for the first time with them.

Essential measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home and report this to school
 - robust hand and respiratory hygiene (children will regularly wash/sanitise their hands throughout the day)
 - enhanced cleaning arrangements including throughout the day
 - active engagement with NHS Test and Trace (school will support parents with this)
- consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible, and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

How contacts are reduced will (as much as possible) include:

- grouping children together in class bubbles throughout the day
- avoiding contact between groups including at breaks and lunchtimes
- arranging classrooms with forward facing desks where appropriate
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible

Behaviour Expectations

From the 7th September we will be returning to our normal rewards systems where possible, however we are not allowed for the foreseeable future to hold assemblies. We will expect all children to follow the school rules. There will be additional expectations around the safety measures we have put in place and a copy of the updated behaviour policy will be on our website for September. We expect parents to support school with these to help us maintain the safety of all children, families and staff.

Social Distancing

In school where possible we will be following social distancing guidelines especially amongst staff and the children. We would also ask that out of school families continue to follow the rules and expectations, including the use of face masks on public transport and in shops (from the 24th July).

Uniform

All children will need to be in school uniform from the beginning of term. The advice is normal washing routines are followed and clothes washed after a day in school.

PE kits

Due to the continued restrictions, we are not able to let the children change for PE. Our proposal is that the younger children (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2) can do PE in their normal uniform and the older children come in their PE kit on the day they have PE. We ask that all children come to school in suitable footwear as we hope to include more physical activity into the timetable where possible.

PE Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception				Class 1	Class 2
Year 1	Class 3		Class 4		Class 5
Year 2	Class 6		Class 7	Class 8	
Year 3			All Year 3		
Year 4	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14		
Year 5	Class 15	Class 16	Class 17		Class 18
Year 6	Class 21	Class 20			Class 19

Personal belongings in school

We want to reduce the number of personal items brought into school and therefore ask that children do not bring any stationary, pencil cases or toys. Only those older children who come to school by themselves can bring a phone and these must be turned off in school and handed to their class teacher.

Medical information

If your child needs an inhaler or any other regular medication in school, please make sure they have it on the first day. In September we will update the records of children with a known medical condition; you will receive a call from the office regarding this. If your child has a newly diagnosed condition please let us know.

After School Club/Breakfast Club

We have very limited numbers of places from September and they have all been allocated. If you want your child to go on the waiting list please contact the office. If you no longer need the place please let us know as soon as possible so we can allocate it to someone on the waiting list.

Stars of the week

Reception:	Zoe	Mariah	Charis		
Year 1:	Darasimi	Gracious	Dimitri		
Year 2:	Charlie B				
Year 3:	Michelle				
Year 4:	Jacob M				
Year 5:	Bilal	Isaiah			
Year 6:	Emma	Lincoln	Raza	Luiz	James

Help and Support

If you need any help over the summer or have any questions please call school. If you leave a message someone will return your call as soon as possible.

If you need to speak to someone urgently call the school mobile and someone will call you back. Tel: 07736635403

Additional Support available from the Cluster:

We are aware that for many of our pupils and their families the summer break will come on top of an already prolonged period of being off school in restricted and difficult circumstances. During the summer break if you are looking for activities there is a range of useful information on the Breeze website www.Breezeleeds.org

If you are experiencing difficulties, need advice or support, information is available on the LSCP website <https://www.leedsscp.org.uk> or you can contact your local Early Help Hub 0113 5351924. You can also contact the Inner West Cluster who can either provide information or signpost to useful supports.

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We hope you have a lovely summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 7th September. Look after yourselves.

Best wishes

Mrs Jane Wainwright