**A summary of the key changes to the St. Nicholas School Covid-19 Risk Assessment (29/4/2021)**

The National Lockdown restrictions began to be released according to the UK Government’s Road Map/Spring Plan (February 2021). The Lockdown Easing Steps 1 (8 March and 29 March) and 2 (24 April) successfully took place and the next stage (3) may begin on 17 May 2021.

1. Daily staff and student temperature will still take place this term, but from June 2021 these will move to those people feeling/appearing unwell.
2. The School Lateral Flow Test site will be closed at the end of Term 5, with all twice weekly tests taking place at home - these will be supplied from the school stock of tests. As per DFE guidance those staff/students who may return a positive LF test (at home or school) will need to seek a confirmatory PCR test.
3. The breakfast club will potentially be re-established from June 2021, providing there is sufficient interest from Parents and staff to make a group viable.
4. Specialist teachers will continue to deliver sessions remotely or through the window/door to class or outdoors for the remainder of term 5; specialist Creative Arts class teaching groups (including the possible attendance of visiting artists, where appropriate) will be reintroduced in term 6 providing sufficient mitigations can be planned. Group Active Education sessions will continue to be delivered remotely for the time being, with 1-1 sessions taking place with enhanced social distancing and hygiene regimes, (if appropriate); Active Education and MOVE teaching groups will be re-introduced providing sufficient mitigations can be planned. Indoor Intervention groups will continue to on hold for the duration of term 5 – these will be reactivated from term 6, providing a suitable risk assessment/mitigations can be designed for each activity – e.g. SHINE groups, Independent Living Skills, Literacy/Numeracy groups etc.

*Outdoor interventions are taking place – Forest School continues to take place and now the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme groups have now been re-introduced, including residential activities.*

1. Swimming in the public pools will not take place this term, but this will be reviewed from Term 6. The use of the school hydro pool has been expanded to include some leisure swims for classes and the re-introduction of the *Water Babies* external lettings.
2. Class groups will begin to make visits into town from 17 May, if appropriate/Step 3 begins. If pupils are accessing community facilities the teachers will planning supervision ratios into small groups, with the rule of 6 will observed, where safe and reasonably practicable - according to the specific off-site activity risk analysis. Independent Living Skills groups taking place at *The Cottage* will re-start in term 6, but those involved will travel out to the venue in a school-managed vehicle.

Class groups can now start visiting outdoor open venues as these are the safest way to access the community (e.g. public parks, beaches, play areas) where appropriate, the those involved can keep their distance from the public appropriately (allowing people to pass at a safe distance) and lunches/refreshments eaten on (picnic) benches or on the ground - observing the rule of 6.

School groups will not be allowed to have access to public transport for the foreseeable future; whole class groups now can make community visits using school-managed vehicles with the mitigations being the use of face coverings (for those who are not exempt), enhanced cleaning regimes and all windows being open for increased ventilation. Social distancing will NOT need to be observed on the vehicle.

1. Parental transition visits will begin, with face masks used by all non-exempt parties, including during the school day.
2. STLS staff will now begin making school visits, those involved will be provided with an adequate supply of lateral flow tests to be processed before sessions, as per the STLS Risk Assessment.
3. Lunchtime arrangement changes:

* Main School – those pupils in Primary/Secondary who have a school-provided meal will return to eating in the school Dining Hall (or Food Tech room, if appropriate) from Tuesday 4 May 2021.

Groups will arrive at the hall in staggered fashion and (this term) will immediately be seated with students’ meals collected for them/cutlery and plates stacked/tables and chairs cleaned after use, by supervising staff. This will be reviewed from 17 May, if Step 3 begins, with those pupils who can safely do so (in one or 2 queues), starting to collect their own meals and take their own plates & cutlery up, at the end of their lunch.

Pupils eating packed lunch will continue to eat in class. NB: some students/classes who exhibit significant challenging behaviour may continue to eat in class, where necessary.

* Spires – pupils will start to have their break and lunch times (including meals) in the Heart Space.
* Canterbury Academy Secondary School – those having a school meal will eat the school hall as per the host school staggered arrival plan, those with a packed lunch will continue to eat in their classes, back at the block.
* It is hoped that the Chartham School plans will develop to allow the satellite classes to have access to an increased play area, providing the school pupils begin to access the school field. Mealtime arrangements will stay the same.
* All other groups will continue follow their existing lunch arrangements.