



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Headteacher: Mrs Louise Lovegrove

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Dear Parents

The reopening of a small part of the school has gone smoothly. I am pleased to say that, although school feels very different for our Reception children, they are adapting very quickly. They are using the prompts in their classrooms and in other public areas to remind themselves about social distancing. The learning is mainly based at their tables in the classrooms with mini movement breaks in between. We are making use of the outside space for breaks at the moment and the playground has been divided so that, again, children can be reminded to keep separate. School lunches are available for those in school in the form of grab bags and children are enjoying, in warmer weather, eating outside.

A few further Reception parents have decided to send their children into school. This can be accommodated but we do need notice to prepare. Please let the office know **no later than 9am on a Tuesday morning** if you wish to take up a place starting the following Monday. This is a change to the previously publicised notice period. We will not be able to accept people who have not let us know in advance. This enables the school to plan effectively. Due to the current restrictions and necessary measures in place to reduce transmission, please be aware that once you have accepted a place this place will be kept open for you alone and will not be readily transferred to someone else should you change your mind. This measure supports the need to lessen any cross contamination between groups and lessens the exposure to large groups of different children for staff. If any Reception parents who are not currently sending their children to school would like to ask further questions about the provision please feel free to email the school office with your queries.

Critical Worker and other priority groups can also enquire through the school office if you wish to book a place for your child. This group will also need to let the office know **no later than 9am on a Tuesday morning** to take up a place starting the following Monday.

When you have had a school placed confirmed you will receive instructions and further information on starting school again. Please make sure you read this carefully as following the guidelines will continue to help us keep everyone as safe as possible. **Please be aware that late comers will not be admitted into school so punctuality is vital.**

I am pleased to say that I have received very positive feedback on the changes to the home learning package. I appreciate that some people were nervous about this change and had expressed concern that the quality of our planning may be lessening. We had to make changes to accommodate the changing demands on teacher's time but I am pleased that the feedback has been good. Please also be aware that the Blog arrangements have been slightly altered and class teachers are now requesting that good examples of home learning are sent to Miss Pugh via email, [k.pugh@tssfirs.co.uk](mailto:k.pugh@tssfirs.co.uk).



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I am including again the DfE updated guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home in case you may wish to further supplement the resources available to you.

The guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Resources are currently available for KS1, KS2 and KS3 and can be used in various settings including schools

and at home: <https://e-bug.eu/>

I am also including a useful link from the Red Cross. This link includes useful home learning on First Aid. <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/>

Miss Pugh presented an excellent assembly on emotions on Wednesday. The participants played a very lively game of bingo using a set of emojis that Miss Pugh showed everyone. She talked about how we feel these different emotions, sometimes individually and sometimes several at once. The children were given the task of designing their own emotion emojis and Miss Pugh said she would be focusing on some of these individually over the next few weeks. Everyone was impressed with Miss Pugh's Zoom skills which included sharing a song with lyrics and music! **Please note that in order to allow reception children currently attending school to attend Miss Pugh's assembly at home the time will change to 2pm starting on Wednesday 10 June.**

We realise that we will be missing some keenly anticipated events over the next few weeks, one of them being Sports Day. Miss Pugh will be announcing some special ideas for a Sporting Festival planned for the week beginning 29 June. Look out for further details.

During this difficult time we are continuing to prepare for the new academic year in September. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some staffing changes:

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs O'Neal and Mrs Herrick. We thank them for their excellent contribution to the school and wish them well.

Mrs Helen Dewar will be joining the Key Stage 2 team as team leader. She will be teaching in Year 4. Miss Lauren Frank will be the new teacher in Reception with Miss Cope providing non-contact time in this year group. We look forward to welcoming the new members of staff to our team and wish them well in their new roles here.



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Kind regards

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Collective Worship with Reverend Sally	
Monday 8 June	11am
Monday 15 June	11am
Whole School Assembly with Miss Pugh	
Wednesdays	2pm



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