



Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents

This week the children have settled into their new classes and new routines. I am pleased to say that generally the systems in place are working well. Please remember that we are operating a one way system and all parents entering the site must do so through the main gate into the school car park and leave the site through the Oxford Road gate. Thank you.

Some parents have asked for further clarification on the symptoms and what to do if they or their children exhibit any of them. Please see below for guidance from the Department of Education:

You must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

high temperature – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*

new, continuous cough – *this means coughing a lot (for more than an hour), or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*

loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

For more information, read the further [guidance on symptoms](#).

If you have one or more of these symptoms, you must self-isolate straight away for 10 days – or longer if you still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste.

If you live in the same household as someone with coronavirus symptoms, you must self-isolate straight away for 14 days.

From Monday 14 September the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be expected to separate from their parents at the wooden gate and head off towards their classroom doors. This will mean that parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will not be able to go through the gate until 8.50am when the school doors are open. This is to ensure that all the children are kept safe and can walk straight into school without having to wait. Please bear this in mind when you organise your journey to school. A member of the school team will be at the wooden gate to let you in. Parents of Reception children will still be free to go to the classroom door.

Last week I asked parents to kindly arrange to bring lunches in a named hard plastic box, such as the image below. This is so that the container is easier to clean daily with hot soapy water. From Monday 14 September all children bringing packed lunch will need to do this. Thank you to the many parents who have already made the change. If there are any families who are unable to do this due to financial reasons,



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please let the office know, in confidence, so that the school can help. Please also remember the continued importance of providing a named water bottle, especially as the water fountains are currently closed.



Year Group Welcome Meetings

This week the staff will be presenting their Welcome to the New Year Group Presentations. The purpose of these meetings is to give you as much information about the new year group as possible. Information will include a general idea of the school timetable, an overview of the curriculum and equipment your child will need. The timetable for the meetings is below. The school office will be sending out a Zoom invitation to these meetings and if you are unable to attend the presentation will be available on the website from the end of next week.

This week we discussed in our staff meeting the introduction of reading books and homework. Your class teacher will include this information in the welcome presentations above.

Reading Books

Reading books will be coming home from Monday 14 September. Your child will receive a pack of books suited to their needs and which they will have been able to select. On Thursdays the pack will need to be returned. Please make sure you stick to this routine so that books can be quarantined for a few days before the next packs are selected. If books are not returned we will not have sufficient books to run the system. We are also currently investigating on line options to supplement this arrangement and will let you know if we are able to pursue this.

Class News

Class News will be available from this Monday and this will provide you with information for the weekly homework, as well as other useful weekly information. Please use the links below to go directly to the appropriate page on the website:

<https://www.tssfirs.co.uk/children/foundation/class-news>

<https://www.tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-1/class-news>

<https://www.tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-2/class-news>

<https://www.tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-3/class-news>



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<https://www.tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-4/class-news>

Admissions to First and Middle Schools in RBWM for September 2021

This week parents have enquired about the admissions process for applications to Middle School. Please see the borough website where you will be able to find the guide for schools admissions for September 2021. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2020**.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions/applying-secondary-middle-or-upper-school>

The following link provides information for those looking for a First School place.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/schools-and-education/school-admissions/applying-primary-infant-first-or-junior-school>

The deadlines for applications for first schools is **15 January 2021**

I have received information from the Library Service on a consultation that is currently being conducted on library opening hours. We have a very positive and beneficial relationship with the local library and it would be a great shame to see the facilities cut. Please follow the link below to find out more about the consultation.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/.../library-opening-hours-consultation>

I am attaching to this week's newsletter child friendly information about the continued risk from the Coronavirus. Please share with your children if you feel it is appropriate.

On **Friday 18 September** at pick up the TSSSA (Trinity St Stephen School Association) will be setting up a second-hand uniform stall in the playground for anyone who requires uniform.

I thank you again for your support and would like to emphasise that your input is always valued. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Year Group Welcome Meetings:

Reception	Wednesday 16 September at 4pm
Year 1	Thursday 17 September at 4.30pm



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Year 2	Tuesday 15 September at 4pm
Year 3	Wednesday 16 September 5.30pm
Year 4	Tuesday 15 September at 5pm

Autumn Dates:

8 October 2020	Harvest Festival at 9.30am (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
23 October 2020	End of first half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Pupils start second half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Flu immunisation for children (am)
29 November 2020	Christingle at 3pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
9 December 2020	Nativity at 6pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
18 December 2020	Term ends
4 January 2021	In Service Training day for staff
5 January 2021	Pupils term starts



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