

<b>STMP Frequently Asked Questions September 2020</b>	
When does school re-open for all pupils?	Years 1-6: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September. Reception new starters: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September. Reception all children: Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September Nursery staggered entry from 9-11:30am from 7 <sup>th</sup> September
Do I have to send my child back to school?	School attendance will be <b>mandatory</b> from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty will apply to you as a parent to send your child to school regularly. Local Authorities and schools have a range of legal powers to enforce attendance if a child misses school without a valid reason. Whilst children in Nursery are not of compulsory school age, as a school Nursery, we expect daily attendance.
How will school try to prevent infection?	The government expects schools to take the following actions to prevent infection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have COVID-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school</li> <li>• Frequent hand cleaning</li> <li>• Good respiratory hygiene practices</li> <li>• Regular cleaning of settings</li> </ul> See more information on how we will implement each of these actions below.
My child has developed coronavirus symptoms at home; what should I do?	Follow the <a href="#">COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection</a>
How will the school enable children to minimise contact with anyone with symptoms?	If anyone in school becomes unwell with: <p><b><i>a new, continuous cough or</i></b> <b><i>a high temperature or</i></b> <b><i>has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)</i></b></p> They will be sent home and advised to follow the <a href="#">COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance</a> . The child will await collection in a separate room, where they will be isolated behind a closed door with an appropriate adult. PPE (an apron, paper mask and gloves) will be worn by the member of staff caring for the child while they await collection. <i>In an emergency, we will call 999 if a child is seriously ill or injured.</i> Children should then take a test ( <i>see 'Will my child have access to a test?'</i> ) and self-isolate, with the household, while you await the results. Where the child tests negative, they can return to school and the other household members can end their self-isolation.
What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at St Mary & St Pancras?	Where a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they should follow the advice here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</a> All children and staff in their hub will also be sent home and will self-isolate for 14 days. If school has two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may

	<p>have an ‘outbreak’, and we will continue to work with our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required. They may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure.</p> <p>We will inform all parents if we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school.</p>
Will my child have access to a test?	<p>To access testing, log on to <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test">https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</a></p> <p>There are two ways to get a test. You can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either book an appointment at a drive-through or walk-through test site</li> <li>• Or ask for a home test kit – this will be delivered to your home</li> </ul>
What do I do if my child is sick (not coronavirus related)?	<p>The usual protocol applies. Parents must telephone or email the school office, clearly stating the reason; we cannot accept ‘unwell’. If you have any medical forms, we ask that you email this to the school office. If you need to hand medicine to school, we ask that you wrap it in a plastic bag with details of your child’s name and complete the medical form which we will send you.</p>
How will the school encourage frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will wash or sanitise their hands at the start and end of each day, at the end of each playtime and before and after lunch, as well as after sneezing, coughing and going to the toilet.</li> <li>• We have sufficient handwashing facilities and products available in classrooms and toilets.</li> <li>• Staff will encourage children to not touch their mouth, eyes and nose and will also encourage the children to use a tissue or their elbow to cough or sneeze into.</li> <li>• We have lidded bins for tissue waste.</li> <li>• Staff and posters in school promote the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.</li> <li>• Staff will practise these habits through games and teaching sessions.</li> <li>• Staff will help children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently.</li> <li>• There is a schedule of tasks for Mr Walker to action throughout the day, including the regular cleaning and emptying of bins.</li> </ul>
How will the school ensure regular cleaning?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will clean regularly-touched surfaces such as desks, chairs, doors, sinks, toilets, light switches, bannisters, telephones, photocopying machines etc. more often than normal.</li> <li>• Staff will regularly disinfect resources the children use, particularly in early years.</li> <li>• There is a team of cleaners who will thoroughly clean the school environment at the end of each day.</li> </ul>
How will the school minimise contact and mixing?	<p>Children will be arranged in ‘bubbles’ with the rest of their class, and this is where pupils will spend the majority of their time. At certain times of the day e.g. play time and drop-off and pick-up, two bubbles will form a ‘hub’. There will be a Nursery &amp; Reception hub, a Year 1 &amp; 2 hub, a Year 3 &amp; 4 hub and a Year 5 &amp; 6 hub. Hubs will not be able to mix with any other hub. In addition, we will have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two entrances in use</li> <li>• Staggered start and end times to the school day</li> <li>• Staggered break times and lunch times for each hub.</li> <li>• We encourage parents and children to walk to school where possible and avoid public transport.</li> </ul>
What should my child bring to school?	<p>It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to <b>essentials</b> including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A coat and hat</li> <li>• Lunch box (no longer has to be in disposable packaging)</li> <li>• Book Bag</li> <li>• PE Kit on PE days; swimming kit for swimming ( news to follow)</li> <li>• Water bottle (water fountains will not be in use)</li> <li>• Hand sanitiser if you wish, although there will be soap and hand sanitiser available in school.</li> </ul>
What should my child wear?	Children should wear their normal school uniform, ensuring it is clean, including black school shoes.
How should we travel to school?	You are strongly encouraged to avoid public transport. Where possible, please walk, bike or scooter to school. Please follow the guidance in this government document if you need to use public transport: <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers</a>
What is the procedure for dropping off and collecting children?	Each 'hub' has their own designated start and finish times so that we can minimise contact. You have been informed of these times in the letter. <b>Parents must adhere to these times and be mindful that they should not drop-off their child early or be late to collect.</b>
Will staff be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)?	The wearing of PPE in school is not recommended. PPE will be worn by staff when providing intimate care for identified children and if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus.
Can my child wear PPE?	Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education. <b>If your child wears a face mask to school, parents must take their child's face mask home with them. It should not be brought into school.</b>
How can I communicate with the school or my child's teacher?	Parents are not permitted to enter the school building. Therefore, we ask that you email the school on <a href="mailto:admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk">admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk</a> or telephone 0207 387 6117
How will you support my child to transition back into school?	Our staff have been preparing lessons and activities to support the children's transition back to school. It will be a journey and our dedicated staff will work hard to ensure the children have a happy experience in school, share their experiences of being at home and give them time to explore their feelings. If you have particular concerns, please email Miss Carneiro, SENDCo, at <a href="mailto:admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk">admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk</a>
What will the children be learning in the first few weeks?	Children in Years 1 to Year 6 will spend the first few days getting used to school life and the focus will be on securing their well-being. In the first few weeks, we will also find out what gaps children have in their learning and teachers will plan accordingly.
What will happen at playtime?	There will be staggered play times for each 'hub' and each hub will not be able to mix with each other. As stated previously, it will not be possible to socially distance at all times. We also do not want to negatively impact our children's mental health and well-being so they will still be able to play.
What will happen at lunchtime?	Caterlink will provide hot lunches if your child has school meals. Children who have a packed lunch can now bring reusable Tupperware into school.

	Children will remain in their 'hub' at lunch time; they will have lunch on the same tables as their 'class bubble' and will then play outside with their 'hub'. See above.
How will we teach PE?	Where possible, it will take place outside. PE is taught by specialist sports coaches and supervised by a member of school staff at all times.
How will STMP teach Music?	Camden have just issued guidance for the teaching of music and we will adhere to this. At STMP, classes will still be taught music. Brass band will also continue but in smaller class sizes of 15. If your child usually has private music lessons in school through <b>Camden Music</b> , we are awaiting confirmation that this will happen in Autumn term. We will not be working on class assemblies due to the restriction on class sizes for singing.
Will the children go on any trips?	For the moment, only trips in the local area will take place where the children can walk to and from. We will let you know about swimming when we can.
Will the children gather together for collective worship?	For the moment, children will not attend church due to restrictions on the number of people that can worship in church. Children will have collective worship each day either with their class, with their Hub and via Zoom for Singing Assembly (where children will learn to sign) and Celebration Assembly.
Can my child bring a hand sanitiser?	Yes but hand sanitiser will be available in school too.
Can my child bring a reading book into school?	Yes in their book bag.
Should my child bring their PE kit?	Yes, as children will have PE lessons and will need to change into their PE kits.
Can my child bring a pencil case?	No. School has always provided stationary.
Can my child bring a water bottle?	Yes, they need to. The children will not be able to use school water fountains though water is available in classrooms with cups.

We appreciate this is a lot of information for parents and carers to take in but hope it has answered any questions you may have. We are very much looking forward to seeing you and your child/ren in September.