



## St Mary & St Pancras C. E. Primary School

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### Re-opening of St Mary and St Pancras Church of England Primary School in September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are all keeping well. Thank you all again for your positive feedback about the school's provision - it has been wonderful to see children back in school this term and on Tuesday, celebrate our Year 6 class moving on to Secondary School.

As you will know, it is the government's plan that all children, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the Autumn Term. Staff at St Mary and St Pancras CE School are very much looking forward to seeing you all in September and are busy making sure that school is safe for our children and adults.

We wanted to write to you, to keep you as up-to-date as possible, so that you can plan effectively. Therefore, I have summarised some of the main changes and ask that you take the time to read the information below.

We already have a comprehensive **Risk Assessment** in place and the following protective measures will continue as we re-open for all pupils:

- Cleaning hands more often than usual.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene- promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Minimising contact through the formation of 'bubbles' and 'hubs'.
- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that children and staff do not attend school if they or anyone in their household displays coronavirus symptoms.

In order to effectively manage the risks that will remain, some things will be a bit different when children return to school for the new academic year. Schools very recently received guidance, which set out some of the changes and protective measures the government is asking us to put in place and what parents and children will need to do to help ensure our school is safe for everyone.

I have included a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document, which I hope will answer any questions that you have



### Attendance

It is vital that children return to school for their educational progress, for their well-being and for their wider development. School attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply. Local Authorities and schools have a range of legal powers to enforce attendance if a child misses school without a valid reason.

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means that the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

### 'Bubbles' and 'Hubs'

Children will stay within their 'class bubble' for the majority of the day in their classroom. At times, such as the start and end of the day, break and lunch times, two 'class bubbles' will join to create a 'hub'. There will be a Nursery & Reception hub, a Y1 & Y2 hub, a Y3 & Y4 hub and a Y5 & Y6 hub. The government's guidance to schools recognises that younger children may not be able to maintain social distancing so our emphasis is on keeping our hubs separated at these times.

Specialist teachers will continue to work across the school but will endeavour to maintain social distancing wherever possible.

### Start and End of the School Day

We need to stagger the start and finish times to help keep hubs apart as they arrive and leave the school premises. Hubs will therefore arrive and leave at different times. It is vital that parents support the school by strictly adhering to these times.

Please drop-off and collect at the latest time slot given below for your children at the correct entrance.

	Arrival at school	
	Foyer	Main School Gate
8.45am	Years 1 & 2	Years 5 & 6
8.55am	Years 3 & 4	Nursery & Reception

	Collection from school	
	Foyer	Main School Gate
3.20pm	Years 1 & 2	Nursery & Reception
3.30pm	Years 3 & 4	Years 5 & 6



We can only apologise if you have children in more than one hub. Please do not be offended if we ask you to wait or move away from the entrance after you have dropped off your child- we are just trying to get the children in to school as quickly and safely as possible.



The government recommends that only one adult should bring a child to school.

There will be signs at both entrances to guide where you wait.

### Lunches

Caterlink will continue to provide hot lunches. Until we move to a cashless system, please send your child's lunch money in to school in an envelope with them. On the front of the envelope, please write:

- Child's Full Name
- Class
- Amount of money enclosed.

The office will then send out a receipt.

Hubs will play together outside in their morning break and lunch time play. Hubs will eat their lunch together in the Hall but each class will sit on separate tables.

### Clubs

There will be no breakfast or after-school clubs for the first half of the Autumn Term at least for a number of reasons:

- Our hall floor is being re-laid in the summer and may not be ready for September.
- We need to evaluate that our school protocols and systems are successful.
- The guidance explains that children cannot mix between hubs.
- The guidance explains that children cannot be in large groups.

If your child requires after - school care, please contact Sally Warren at Plot Ten on 07946388481

### Contact with the School

Other than one Nursery and Reception parent per child, settling their children in to their new class, parents and carers will not be allowed onto the site without an appointment. If you have an enquiry, please phone the school office on 0207 387 6117 or email [admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stmp.camden.sch.uk)

### **What school will do:**

- Ensure everyone at the school cleans their hands more often than usual.
- Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene; by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Minimise contact and maintain distance within hubs.
- Keep parents fully informed about what's happening in school.



### Actions for Parents and Carers:

- Read and take note of the FAQ document.
- Ensure that anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms, including anyone in your household, does not attend school, ensure the school is notified of any symptoms immediately and arrange for a test straight away, informing the school of the result.
- Adhere to government guidelines on self-isolation if the test is positive.
- Arrive at the set start and pick-up time to collect children.

If anything changes, we will get in touch with you straight away so please keep checking your emails, messages and the Parent Hub App for updates.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming you back to St Mary and St Pancras CE School in September,

With very best wishes,

Ms Jules Belton  
Headteacher