



Thursday 18th June 2020

Dear Parents,

PLANS FOR OPENING SCHOOL IN WEEK 4 - Monday 22nd June 2020
At Saint Patrick's our approach will be to start.....SAFE.....SMALL.....SLOW.....FAIR.....

This week, we welcomed back some of our Year 1 pupils in addition to the Reception children who started last week. Following guidance from the Local Authority, we are now in the process of fixing set bubbles (pupils and staff) for the rest of the term.

BOOKING PLACES

We have had a very good uptake for places to date and as a result, are very close to meeting full capacity across the school. We do have some places available in some bubbles, but once these places are committed we cannot offer any more places for the rest of the term, based on current staffing capacity. If circumstances change for us and we are able to offer additional places, we will let you know weekly in this newsletter.

In the meantime, these are where the spaces are **available from Week 5** -

Reception Bubble - Team A Mondays and Tuesdays	2 spaces available
Reception Bubble - Team B Thursday and Fridays	3 spaces available
Year 1 Bubble - Mondays and Tuesdays OR Thursday and Friday	11 spaces
Reception / Year 1 Key Worker & Vulnerable Bubble	Full at present*
Years 2/3 Key Worker & Vulnerable Bubble	Full at present*
Year 4 Key Worker & Vulnerable Bubble	1 space
Years 5/6 Key Worker & Vulnerable Bubble	Full at present*

**If your family circumstances change and you find yourself needing a place, it is still worth contacting the school and we will try to help as much as we can - although we can't make any promises.*

- If you would like to book one of these spaces, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk. **Deadline is still 9am on Wednesdays**
- If your request is confirmed by the school, it is assumed that your booking will rollover weekly for the rest of term 6.
- **Key Workers who work on shifts MUST continue to notify the school weekly to confirm that their booked days we have on record remain available. Deadline is still 9am on Wednesdays**
- Parents cannot make special requests that their child be placed in a bubble with a specific teacher, or pupil friend.
- On days that children are not in school, they must be at home under parent supervision so that they do not compromise our bubbles on their return to school.

Due to relatively high numbers of key worker / vulnerable pupils in school, and limited staff capacity, we are unable to offer places to Year 6 pupils at this time. However, we are working on plans which we hope will enable Year 6 to return in some capacity before the end of term - we still have a lot of important tasks to cover! We will obviously keep you informed.....

COMMUNICATION

During Lockdown, we have endeavoured to phone every family at least fortnightly, with some families receiving more regular contact if needed. As class teachers are all now teaching Bubbles daily, as well as preparing Home Learning packs, teachers will still make phonecalls to their pupils who are learning at home, but will not make calls to parents of those children who are attending school. Obviously, if these parents want to have a chat, you can phone or email us.

We have made a new tab on the school website - 'COVID-19 NEWS'. On it you will find most recent information from school or Gov. UK, as well as some helpful resources such as a social story booklet for children called **'COVID-19 Return to School: A Social Story for Primary Aged Students'**, as well as the excellent **'Coming Back to School in a Bubble'** which may be helpful to read with your child.





TO THOSE FAMILIES CONTINUING HOME LEARNING

We have produced a new resource 'What to Do Today' which is a really helpful document collecting together links for a whole range of smashing websites to support independent home learning, as well as being useful and informative time wasters!
We attach a copy of the resource with this newsletter.

Last week, we were told by the Government that Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 would not be fully returning to school before the end of term. However, we are liaising with the LA and cluster schools to find a way to enable us to have some kind of face to face contact with those children before we break up. We will let you know what we have been able to achieve - all being well....

Summer schools.....summer sports clubs.....summer online learning.....free school meal vouchers during the holiday.....returning to school in September.....exams.....

We will hear the Government announcements this week at the same time as you. Once the Local Authority have processed and informed schools, we will work on this and share new arrangements with you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK

If your child is expected to attend school, but they are unwell, please do keep them away school. It is important that you contact the school as soon as possible to inform us of your child's absence, as well as the reason for absence, symptoms etc. This is an important part of the school's daily register to the Department for Education and Wiltshire Council, and informs the Government Track and Trace system.

FROM THE GUIDANCE -

Should a child come to school if a member of their household is unwell?

If a member of the child's household is unwell with Covid-19 symptoms, then the child should isolate for 14 days or 7 days from the date they themselves become symptomatic.

Which contacts need to self-isolate?

Current guidance recommends that where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Please note: The other household members of that wider class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

A child reports to us that they have had contact with someone with symptoms, but the parents have not informed us – what should we do?

No one with symptoms should be attending school and anyone who develops symptoms while at school should be isolated and sent home as soon as possible. Schools should regularly remind parents of the government guidance on staying at home and the importance of a household self-isolating if anyone in the household develops symptoms.

Do you have specific advice on who is a contact of a case, i.e. the definitions?

A contact is defined as a person who, in the period 48 hours prior to and 7 days after the possible or confirmed case's symptom onset or specimen collection date, has at least one of the following types of exposure:

Household contact: Those that are living or spending significant time in the same household e.g. those that live and sleep in the same home, students in university accommodation that share a kitchen and sexual partners and people who have cleaned a household where a case lives without personal protective equipment.

Non-household contact:

Direct contact: Face to face contact with a case for any length of time, including being coughed on or talked to. This includes exposure within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer.

Proximity contact: Extended close contact (within 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case or travelled in a small vehicle with a case.

An extract from the most up to date Government guidance about what to do if someone shows symptoms, is attached at the end of this letter.

Stay safe. Stay in touch. Stay positive!

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APPENDIX 1

Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection GOV.UK

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19

What do we mean by possible or confirmed coronavirus infection (COVID-19)?

- Possible infection is where a person has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and is currently awaiting a test result.
- Confirmed infection is where a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Main messages

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), however mild, OR you have received a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result, the clear medical advice is to immediately self-isolate at home for at least 7 days from when your symptoms started. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. You should arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19

Consider alerting the people that you have had close contact within the last 48 hours to let them know you have symptoms of coronavirus COVID-19.

Following a positive test result, you will receive a request by text, email or phone to log into the NHS Test and Trace service website and provide information about recent close contacts

After 7 days, or longer, if you still have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste, you must continue to self-isolate until you feel better.

You do not need to self-isolate if you only have a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste after 7 days, as these symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), then you must stay at home for at least 7 days. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill.

Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection that people in your household could pass on to others in the community.

If anyone else in the household starts displaying symptoms, they must stay at home for at least 7 days from when their symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in their original 14-day isolation period.

If you have symptoms, you should stay as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important to stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you continue to share a household.

Reduce the spread of infection in your home by washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser, and cover coughs and sneezes.

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the [NHS 111 online](https://www.nhs.uk/111) coronavirus (COVID-19) service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

If you develop new coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms at any point after ending your first period of isolation (self or household) then you must follow the same guidance on self-isolation again. The section below (After ending self-isolation and/or household-isolation) has further information.

