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Dear Parents

Once again we find ourselves preparing for the full opening of school. We are very much looking forward to the return of all our pupils on Monday 8th March. Although this is a very positive step, it does not, however, mean that we can forget all the safety measures put in place in September. I am therefore writing today to remind you of the details of our return plan in September. We will be following the same strategy from March 8th.

Although during lockdown there has been one start and finish time for all pupils, the increase in numbers means we will return to staggered start and finish times. I realise it will be tempting to stop to talk to people you have not seen for a long time but I must stress that it is important that you continue to wear face coverings when on school grounds and do not linger. Please only arrive at the correct time for your child. This way we can reduce the number of people on the playground at any one time. If you have several children, please arrive at the earliest time and pick up at the latest. Staff will supervise children until they are picked up so you do not need to worry.

All pupils will wash their hands on arrival at school so it may take a little time for them all to enter school. It is important that we maintain rigorous hygiene throughout the school day. Most of our classes now have their own toilet and handwashing facilities. It is only St. Francis and St Andrew's class who have to share. For this reason we will use hand sanitiser when they arrive at school. If there is any reason why your child can not use hand sanitiser please will you let the class teacher know. The start and finish times are as follows:

St. Peter Class (reception) - arrive 9.00a.m., leave 3.00p.m.

St. Patrick Class (year 1) - arrive 9.10 a.m., leave 3.10p.m.

St George Class (year 2) - arrive 8.50a.m., leave 2.50p.m.

St Andrew Class (Year 3/ 4) - arrive 9a.m., leave 3.20p.m.





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St. Francis Class (Year 4/ 5) - arrive 8.40a.m., leave 3p.m.

St David Class (year 5/ 6) - arrive 8.50a.m., leave 3.10p.m.

In addition to staggered start and finish times, the classes will have staggered playtimes with specified areas where they can play. At lunchtime key stage 1 children will go to lunch at mid-day. They will have their own space in the hall to sit and hot dinners will be served to your child in their place (as we do for the Christmas dinner). Only when all the key stage 1 children have finished will tables be cleaned and key stage 2 pupils who are having hot lunches come in to the hall. Packed lunches for key stage 2 will be eaten in the classrooms. It is very important that children order their hot lunches on the Monday for each week so that we can organise how to bring children in to the hall while ensuring distancing is maintained.

I hope this letter will refresh your memory of how school operated in September. It worked well then so we are confident the children will be able to pick up the routines quickly. Please do have a chat with them so that they are prepared. Class teachers will remind you of PE days so that the children can come to school in PE kit as they did before.

We will follow this plan up until the Easter holiday. If guidance changes after that I will send out fresh information for the summer term. I really do hope that the time will soon come when we can gather as a community, but for the present we must continue to follow guidance and play our part in keeping everyone safe.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday.

Yours sincerely

F. Robertson
Headteacher