









ALL SAINTS C.E. (V.C.) FIRST SCHOOL & BUSY BEES PRE-SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs V. A Bradley

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Dear Parents

May I first wish you all a very Happy New Year and send the best of wishes to you all from everyone at school. I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas holiday with your immediate families.

As you will be aware from Government announcements last week, Staffordshire has now been placed under Tier 4 restrictions and as such we must continue to be extremely vigilant in our day-to-day operations in order to continue to keep our school as 'Covid Secure' as possible. At the time of writing, Staffordshire does not fall into an area where primary schools have been instructed to remain closed at the start of the new term and as such we are expecting to be open to all pupils on <u>Tuesday 5th January</u>, 2021. However, I must remind you that the list of areas where Primary Schools are closed is under constant review and this situation could change at short notice. We shall endeavour to keep you informed in as timely a manner as possible should things change.

When school re-opens we shall continue to operate with 3 distinct bubbles in school:

| Bubble 1 | Busy Bees & Reception | Mrs Griffin |
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| Bubble 2 | Year 1 & Year 2 | Miss Adams |
| Bubble 3 | Year 3 & Year 4 | Mrs Devenport & Mrs Abbotts |

Pick-up & Drop-off

Your pick-up and drop-off times will remain the same as the Autumn Term. If you arrive early, please remain in your vehicles until the school gates are opened in order to ensure that all adults on site are able to maintain strict social distancing. We continue to urge everyone who can to wear a face covering when on the school site and keep a safe 2m distance when engaging with staff at the gate.

Please ensure that only 1 adult member of your household attends for pick-up and drop-off. If you have formed a childcare support bubble with **one** other household, please ensure that your child's class teacher is aware of the arrangement.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound care will be available from 8.00 am to 9.00 am and 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. Charges for care will remain at £3 per hour. We continue to be able to staff two separate 'bubbles' of childcare in order to minimise the need for children to mix between bubbles at the start or end of the day. Please be aware that numbers of children accessing childcare remain very low.

Ventilation

One of the key aspects of our risk assessment with regards to being as Covid secure as possible, is ventilation. To this end, doors and windows throughout school will be open during the day throughout the spring term. Please ensure that your child has sufficient layers to remain warm both inside and outside of the classroom.











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Footwear & Outdoor Clothing

There will be many occasions throughout the week when it will be necessary for your child to be outside and on the school field. It is vital that your child has an appropriate change of footwear in school at all times. Please could I urge you, wherever possible, to provide a pair of wellingtons that can remain in school. A waterproof coat with a hood is also strongly recommended.

How to help

As we have heard from recent Government announcements, the new variant of Covid-19 is far more transmissible and it is vital that we all continue to do everything we can to protect all members of our community so that we can continue to keep the school open. We hope that the following will provide a quick reminder of things you can do to help keep everyone in our school community safe:

- Follow social distancing rules at all times
- Ensure that you arrive for drop-off and pick-up within the allotted time slot
- Follow the one-way system in operation
- Thoroughly wash your hands and your child's hands before leaving home
- If your child feels unwell, please **do not bring them to school** and consider arranging a test (Book a test Staffordshire County Council)
- Do not send your child to school if you or anyone else in your household has Covid-19 symptoms
- Telephone school as early as possible if your child will not be attending that day and be as clear as possible about the reason for non-attendance and the symptoms that your child has
- If your child becomes unwell in school, ensure they are collected as quickly as possible
- If your child, or any member of your household develops Covid-19 symptoms, you must inform school and follow the most current household isolation rules. In order to protect others in school, it is important that those with symptoms and precautionary symptoms are tested.
- Please visit the school website if you would like to see our latest risk assessment.

We very much look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on Tuesday. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Vicki Bradley Headteacher