

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very pleased to be reopening fully to all year groups on 8<sup>th</sup> March. This letter is largely a reminder of the systems in place to try to prevent the spread of COVID-19 whilst delivering a full school curriculum.

### **Year group bubbles**

We will be continuing to deliver the curriculum in the same year group bubbles as before Christmas. Timetables have not changed so all children should be in the same rooms as they were in Term 2.

### **COVID testing.**

Thank you for your support with this. We will have completed the first round of testing by the end of today. We understand that some of you have not received confirmation emails from the NHS. Unfortunately, this is an issue outside of our control. We upload all the results to the NHS website who then send the emails out. If your child tests as positive, we will contact you immediately. If you do not hear from us, then your son or daughter has tested negative.

### **Lunch and break**

We will be continuing to use the Fusion online app to order school lunches. Lunches need to be ordered by 9.00am on the day that pupils want the lunch. Lunches will be delivered to year group bubbles in the same way that they were before lockdown. The school field will be open at break and lunch.

### **Start of the day.**

Form rooms will be open from 8.30am and we ask all pupils to be in by 8.55am at the latest, to be registered. It is expected that any child onsite at 8.30am will go straight to their form room. If your son or daughter arrives at school before 8.30am they need to go to their year group bubble area. Lesson 1 will start at 9.00am.

Unfortunately, we have had to use the school hall for COVID testing so the breakfast club is not available from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### **End of the day**

We are continuing to stagger the release from school at the end of the day.

Year 8 and 9 at 3.00pm

Year 7 at 3.05pm

Year 10 and 11 at 3.10pm

The sixth form have their own arrangements that Mrs Pye has emailed out to them.

If pupils need to wait to walk home with siblings then they will be able to either wait in their year group social area or, if the weather is bad, in their classroom area and then meet their siblings at the required time.

This will allow siblings to be dropped off and collected and access to public transport at the normal times. Once dismissed, pupils will be expected to leave site straight away. Where possible we would ask that your child walks, cycles or is dropped off near school. If you are relying on public transport, then please ensure that your child is aware of the government guidance for using public transport

and that they have a face mask. The following link is the KCC guidance for using public transport <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/using-school-transport-during-the-pandemic>

### **Uniform and equipment**

Pupils are expected to be in full school uniform from the first day. We will be continuing to allow pupils to wear their school PE kit all day on the days that they have PE. Please ensure your child is wearing correct Saint George's School PE This is also the case for GCSE and A level classes who have practical Dance or Drama lessons. We would also recommend that your child has a good waterproof coat with them as PE will be outdoors whenever it is possible.

As usual pupils will also need to have with them the standard equipment for lessons – pen, pencil, ruler rubber, sharpener. It would also be helpful if they had colouring pencils, glue sticks and scientific calculators. These are not essential but would help support the delivery of the curriculum. If possible, it would also be of benefit to send your child in with an appropriate reading book.

### **Face masks**

We expect all pupils and staff to wear face coverings in all classrooms and communal areas such as corridors. If masks are not worn, then we will follow our normal behaviour procedures. The wearing of masks at all times inside where social distancing can't be practised is considered essential by PHE to minimise the potential for spreading the virus. The only exception to this are pupils who are exempt. If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please contact Mrs Smith on [smithm@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk](mailto:smithm@saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk).

### **Other safety measures**

As before every classroom has a wall mounted hand sanitiser dispenser. All classrooms with sinks have soap dispensers and paper towels. We have additional cleaning support so that areas of high use are cleaned through the day. The school will continue to be cleaned thoroughly each day. Additional signs highlighting the need to maintain distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene are prominent around the site. We will be keeping doors and windows open to ensure that there is good ventilation. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat as the rooms can get cold due to this.

### **COVID symptoms**

If you or your child are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 we will expect your child to remain at home and follow the government advice regarding isolation and testing.

If a child develops COVID-19 symptoms during the day we will isolate them and ask the parents to make arrangements to collect them immediately. We expect any child with symptoms to be tested and the results shared with the school as soon as is possible and prior to returning.

### **Phones**

We fully appreciate the need for pupils to have phones. However, we do not expect phones to be used inside the school building unless a teacher has given specific instructions for them to do so to enhance their learning. We will follow the school phone policy and if phones are used inappropriately in the school building, students can expect to have their phones confiscated. Earphones are not allowed to be used anywhere on the school site.

**Visitors coming onto site.**

Parents and carers will not be permitted to come onto the school site unless you have an appointment with a member of staff.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the pupils on Monday.

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Matt Lillie  
Head of School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Carey'.

Stephen Carey  
Executive Headteacher