

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you all for the huge amount of support that you have given your children with their learning, this year. It has been an incredibly difficult year for everyone. As a school we have also very much appreciated all you have done to support us. Your understanding when we have had to send children home and close bubbles has been fantastic especially when we were facing a very tough time through November and December. The resilience that the whole school community has shown is something that we can all be very proud of.

### **Safety**

You may be aware of current issues in respect of gang related crime in the local area and South East London. We have been asked to advise parents and pupils to avoid Gravesend town centre, where possible, over the next week. The police have drafted in additional officers to patrol the area to try and ensure the public safety.

### **Opening in September**

The current guidance from the government is that from September schools should be back running normally. Schools have been asked to test all children twice at the beginning of term. Any child displaying symptoms will still need to isolate but close contacts will not need to isolate. Twice weekly testing at home is to continue through September and then be reviewed at the end of the month. We will provide all children with test kits on the first day back in Term 1.

We will be returning to our normal way of working. There will be no bubbles and pupils will be taught in the normal rooms across the school.

To managing the on-site testing process, we will be having a slightly staggered start to the beginning of term. We will be opening for just year 7 and 12 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and for only year 8 on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The whole school will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure all students are wearing full correct school uniform with the necessary equipment on their return to school in September.

<https://www.saintgeorgescofe.kent.sch.uk/parents-info/uniform/>

All pupils will be issued with a new lanyard in September. Any lanyards that are lost after this will need to be replaced at a cost of £1 via Parent Pay.

### **Start and end of the day**

The school day will start at the normal time. All pupils are expected to be in form by 8.40am. Pupils arriving at form after 8.40am will be marked as late.

All forms will be released at 3.10pm at the end of the day.

### **PE**

Pupils no longer need to come to school wearing their PE kit. The PE changing rooms will be back in operation, so pupils are expected to arrive at school in their correct uniform every day.

PE kit can be ordered using <https://www.tacklebag.co.uk/>

### **Staffing**

Once again, we are very fortunate to be going into the summer break fully staffed with subject specialists in all departments for September. There a few staff leaving us and we are very thankful for all they have done to support the progress of all the children at Saint George's.

### Testing

As has been mentioned before we will be offering onsite testing for all pupils prior to their return to school in September. The plan for this will be

Year group	Day and Date of test	Further information
7, 12 and 13	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Test and go home
8 and 9	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Test and go home
10 and 11	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Test and go home
7, 12 and 13	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Test and go home
8 and 9	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Tested during the school day
10 and 11	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Tested during the school day

Further information about consent and booking appointments will be sent out over the summer holiday.

### Lunches

School lunches will continue to be pre ordered via the Fusion app. Food orders are able to be made up to 9.00am that morning. There will be collection points for pupils to pick up their food. We have been delighted with how this worked through this school year and the feedback from pupils has been very positive. There will be a small selection of food available if a child forgets to order. If buying food in school pupils will need to use their student card (attached to their lanyard). Cards can be topped up using Parent Pay. We are unable to take cash payments in the canteen.

### Results days

Our results days have been brought forward to 10<sup>th</sup> August (A-Level) and 12<sup>th</sup> August (GCSE) this year. We have been instructed to release the results to students at exactly 8.30am on these days and therefore we will use the Edulink app to do this. Students do not need to come into school to collect results, instead they must ensure they have their username and password ready to access the Edulink app. Our Sixth Form team have a plan in place to support students by telephone on both results days and on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, enrolment to the sixth form will take place remotely by telephone. We will be writing to exam students nearer the time with further details, along with other important information relating to results and next steps. Students should check their school emails regularly from the 9<sup>th</sup> August for updates.

We hope that you have a very relaxing and safe summer break



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