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Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the beginning of the new Term, please see a reminder of the arrangements we have put in place for re-opening the School, in response to COVID-19.

Guidance on reopening schools in September was published on the 3rd July. Please read the following key points carefully.

Guidance	Response
Schools are required to work through the DfE's system of controls	<p>In preparation for a full return, St John's will revisit and update the relevant risk assessments, considering the additional risks and control measures, to enable a full return in September. This will include the compulsory engagement with the NHS Test and Trace programme.</p> <p>All visitors coming to the school for meetings, including health care professionals, social workers, police officers and parents, will be required to wear a mask when entering the premises.</p> <p>Hand Sanitizers (non-contact, automatic) have been installed inside the school at the entrance to every Classroom.</p>
Pupil groups in schools should be consistent and kept apart	<p>Schools are encouraged to maintain distinct pupil groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix, to limit the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other. This also makes it easier to identify those who may need to self-isolate in the event of a positive case of coronavirus. At St John's 'bubbles' will be determined by classes. Adults will stay within the bubble. Children will stay in their 'bubbles' at playtime and lunchtime. Children will be provided with or can bring in a packed lunch.</p> <p>There will be no assemblies or large gatherings.</p> <p>Start and finish times will be staggered.</p> <p>Allowances will be made for families arriving late if they have children at St Benedict's Junior School. Parents are asked to leave and arrive promptly and continue to socially distance.</p> <p>Children in our school are too young to socially distance however risk can be reduced by keeping pupils in the smaller, class-sized groups described above.</p>



<p>Classroom resources can now be shared from September</p>	<p>Classroom-based resources, such as books and games, will be used and shared within a bubble. Individual and very frequently used equipment, however, such as pencils or pens, will continue to be used only by one member of staff or pupil, and not shared with others.</p> <p>Resources that are shared between classes or bubbles will be cleaned thoroughly between each use, or rotated to allow for them to be left unused for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) before use by the next 'bubble'.</p>
<p>Attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from September</p>	<p>Unless shielding in line with clinical or public health advice, all pupils are expected to return to school in September. This means the usual rules on school attendance will apply from that point, including the option to issue fixed penalty notices. Pupils who remain at home must continue to be supported through remote education. If you are anxious about your child returning to school please do speak to a member of staff or email the school.</p> <p>Can we ask that from September children (excluding Reception for the first 2 weeks) wear school uniform.</p>
<p>Before- and after-school clubs should resume from September</p>	<p>Breakfast Club and JB's will resume providing childcare before and after school. There will be protective measures in place which will include keeping children within their year groups or bubbles where possible.</p>
<p>Schools should consider the DfE's expectations for curriculum planning</p>	<p>As a school we are very proud of our broad and balanced curriculum. We will continue to plan on the basis of the educational needs of pupils and endeavour to create time and opportunities to cover the most important missed content.</p>
<p>Pupil and staff wellbeing must be considered and supported</p>	<p>In September we have workshops and planned activities for children and staff to support wellbeing. These will support the rebuilding of friendships and social engagement. Address and equip pupils and staff to respond to issues linked to coronavirus</p>

We are looking forward to seeing all the children again next week on 7th September and will endeavour to ensure that everyone in our school community is safe, taking whatever measures we need to organise, to make that possible.

Best wishes to all our families
 Wendy Turner
 Headteacher