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4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you to set out the arrangements we have made to open fully from Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements were sent out on the 20<sup>th</sup> July and I am sending this out again as a number of parents have asked this week about our opening arrangements. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back next week.

The children will be operating in three 'bubbles' which will be the same as their current class groups with different start and finish times. If you have children in more than 1 'bubble' then we can arrange the same start and finish times so that you are not waiting around. Please contact the school office and we can provide you with times. Children from Class 1 and Class 2 will enter via the Rainbow gates, at the side of the school. A staff member will be there to greet you. Class 3 will enter via their classroom door. Please can we ask that parents do not enter the school buildings without phoning first to arrange an appointment.

Bubble 1	–	Foundation/Year 1	Mrs McClounnan and Mrs Cusack
		Start time 8.45am	Finish time 3pm
Bubble 2	–	Years 2 and 3	Mrs Waiters and Ms Duke
		Start time 9pm	Finish time 3.15pm
Bubble 3	-	Years 4/5 and 6	Mrs Brown, Mrs Rowden and
			Ms Colledge (mornings only)
		Start time 8.30am	Finish time 2.45pm

Foundation children will be asked to do half days for the first week starting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. This is to get them used to school life. They should arrive





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at 8.45am and get picked up by 12noon. Foundation children will be fulltime from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 8.45am and finishing at 3pm. If you have any queries regarding this then please email the school office.

Please can we ask children to bring in the minimal from home. Coats, packed lunches and their reading book. Children will be issued with a reading book, once it is returned to school it will be out of circulation for 48 hours or 72 hours if it has a plastic cover. Please can we ask that toys and personal belongings are not brought in from home. Children can bring in a pencil case if they wish to do so with their own belongings in it. Please emphasise to them that they will not be allowed to share resources. The PE coach will be in all day on Thursdays and will teach each class. Please can the children come into school on a Thursday dressed in their PE kit.

Multi skills club will run on a Thursday after school until 4pm for KS2 children starting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. This is run by the Sports coach and there is a small charge. Please sign up on the Saints South west website.

During the school day, pupils will remain in their classroom areas. They will not be permitted to walk around the school. Staff will remain as much as possible within their bubble. Meals will be eaten in their classroom. We have a new school dinner provider, Devon Norse. Dinners are free for those children in Years Reception, 1 and 2. Children in Years 3 and up will have to pay a new lower price of £2.50 per meal. Please find the new dinner menu attached with this email.

Whole school gatherings such as assemblies will be in the classrooms via zoom. Classrooms have walkie-talkies so that staff can contact the office or other classrooms to minimise staff walking around the building. Hand washing will be encouraged throughout the school day. Please can you work with your child on this so that they understand how to wash their hands properly. Face coverings will not be encouraged to be worn in school as they are not recommended for children under 12 years old. If your child has come to school wearing a face covering (because they travel on public transport for example) then they will need a plastic bag to put it in when they remove it and will need to wash their hands following removal of the face covering.





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Children will need to return to school in full school uniform. If it is a warm day then please can they come to school with sunscreen already applied as staff will not be able to apply this for them. Please can they have a coat in school for rainy weather. We are very lucky with how much outdoor space we have and would like to be able to work and play outside as much as possible.

Please can we ask that you leave the school grounds as soon as you have dropped your children off. Please do not stay on site to chat to other parents. We would recommend that you continue to stay 2 metres apart from other families as much as possible.

School clubs will resume the w/b 14<sup>th</sup> September. Details will follow next week. Spaces will be limited and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

Please feel free to contact the school office with any questions by emailing the admin address and we will get back to you as soon as we can. We are keen to get every child back into school as recommended by the government.

We look forward to seeing you all next Monday.

Kind regards

Liz Hamilton