

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021  
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## FULL REOPENING OF SCHOOL TO ALL CHILDREN – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Now that the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has given the 'green light' for the wider reopening of schools, we are looking forward to **welcoming back all children on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

The guidance for returning to school from the DfE has not changed significantly for primary schools but I have set out below the main points as a reminder. We are currently reviewing our risk assessments and these can be found on our school website.

### Attendance

The government have announced that attendance will once again be compulsory unless your child is medically classed as extremely clinically vulnerable and is in receipt of a 'shielding letter' from their GP. This means that from **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be expected back into school.** Our normal attendance policies and procedures will resume once again.

### 'Bubble' Classes

As was previously in place, children and staff will continue working as a 'bubble' class throughout the school day. Where possible, bubbles will be kept apart and they will have their own allocated playtimes, lunchtimes and toilet break times.

To support with some aspects of teaching and learning, as we did previously in our Early Years, we will be joining two bubble classes together to make a larger bubble for some parts of the school day e.g. phonics, access to the EYFS outdoor play area.

New Bubble Name	Classes
Caterpillars	Bears and Crocodiles
Butterflies	Elephants and Flamingos

### Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements

It is important that we continue to minimise contact and avoid mixing groups at the beginning and end of the school day, therefore, staggered drop off and pick-up times will continue. Please familiarise yourself once again with your child's timings below. **It is essential that your child is dropped off and picked up on time.** Ten minutes in the morning and fifteen minutes in the afternoon have been allowed before and after our allocated time slots to support with childcare arrangements.

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Class Name	Teacher	Arrive	Home time
Nursery	Miss Gilsenan	8:45am	11:45am
Bears	Miss Gilsenan	8:45am	3pm
Crocodiles	Miss Wright	8:45am	3pm
Flamingos	Miss Hewitt	8:55am	3:15pm
Elephants	Mrs Harley	8:55am	3:15pm

**If you have siblings in both Key Stages you will need to drop off at 8:55am and pick up at 3:15pm. Only one parent/carer is able to drop/off pick up the child(ren) at the start and end of day.**

We have the same safety arrangements in place as previously:



When you drop off your child, follow the one-way system along Gordon Road and form a queue.

At the front of the queue, say goodbye to your child. A staff member will greet and direct your child into school.



Once your child has entered the main school gate, please cross Gordon Road and promptly leave.

### School Uniform

All children will be expected to wear their **full school uniform and bring their St Chad's Book Bag** to school every day.

Once in school, Book Bags will need to be stored in your child's classroom tray. Trays are small so please ensure that you regularly empty your child's book bag so that they easily fit.

On your child's **PE day, he/she will need to come to school wearing their full PE kit.**



Class Name	Teacher	PE Day
Bears	Miss Gilsenan	Thursday
Crocodiles	Miss Wright	Tuesday
Flamingos	Miss Hewitt	Friday
Elephants	Mrs Harley	Wednesday



**No other items from home are permitted on school premises e.g. toys.**

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## PPE

We will be adhering to current government guidance: **children are still not permitted to wear a face covering in school.** If you would like your child to wear a face mask to travel to/from school then this is fine, however, it will need to be removed by the accompanying adult before your child enters our school premises. Please bring a carrier bag so that the mask can be safely put inside and taken home.



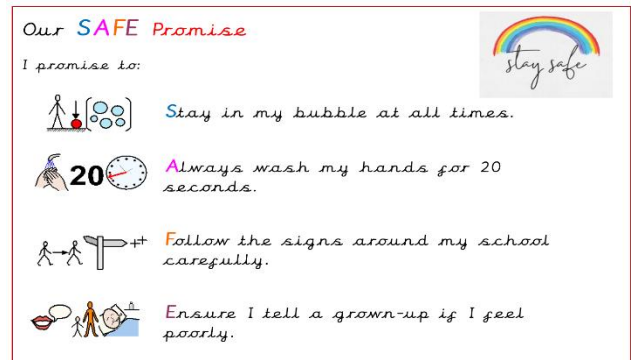
Staff will be wearing face coverings in situations where social distancing is not possible e.g. when moving round in corridors and communal areas, administering first aid, supporting on the gate.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

Children will remain in their class bubbles over lunchtime. Our older children in Flamingos and Elephants will eat their lunches in their classroom and our younger children in Bears and Flamingos will eat in the hall. **To support with our safety measures, it is still not possible to authorise home dinners at the moment.**

## Day-to-day Organisation

- Social distancing will be encouraged with all children, as supported by our SAFE Promise.
- To avoid the mixing of groups, there are no large gatherings such as Collective Worship. These will take place in classrooms or virtually.
- Where appropriate, children will sit at desks side by side and facing forwards.
- Children will have access to their own stationery pack e.g. pencil, crayons etc.
- Each bubble class will have allocated toilet cubicles.
- There will be a strong emphasis on 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Hand sanitisers are located throughout the entire school.
- There will be regular cleaning of any shared resources/frequently touched surfaces
- No visitors will be permitted on site without pre-authorisation from the Senior Leadership Team. All visitors will be requested to wear a face covering when on school premises
- No one will be allowed to attend school who has symptoms of COVID-19. Children who display any symptoms will be isolated and parents will be contacted to arrange immediate pick up.



## Curriculum

The first few days will be spent helping the children adjust to being back into school and classroom routines. Lots of time will be spent on emotional wellbeing and reminding children of the safety measures in school. PSHE, phonics, maths and English will be a priority but we are committed to providing the children with a full and rich curriculum.

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## Sickness and Absence

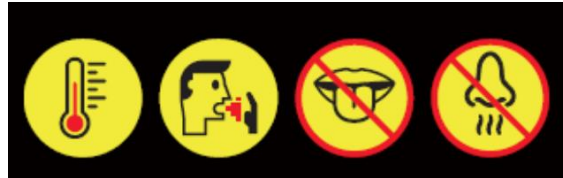
If your child will not be attending school, please inform the school office by 9:30am on the first morning of absence by:

- Telephoning school 01332 345997 OR
- Sending an email [hello@stchads.derby.sch.uk](mailto:hello@stchads.derby.sch.uk)

**PLEASE DO NOT USE CLASS DOJO TO TELL US THAT YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE IN SCHOOL.**

Once again, please continue to be vigilant if your child or anybody in your household displays any COVID-19 symptoms;

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of taste/smell



The individual showing symptoms must immediately self-isolate for at least 7 days and arrange a test. Other family members need to self-isolate for 10 days from when the first person first had symptoms. Children from any age can now be tested, we can help you if you are struggling to book a test. You must always inform us if your child or anybody in your household tests positive.

If we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school procedures will be followed as detailed in our risk assessment. We ask school staff and parents to engage with Test and Trace if contacted.

## Communication with us

If you need to talk to us please:

- Telephone 01332 345997 OR
- Email [admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk)

Please avoid using Class Dojo for general queries (class teachers are teaching and not able to easily check Class Dojo or reply to messages). Class Dojo is used as a communication platform for sharing home learning.

Please do not call or text on the school emergency mobile phone – this is only to notify us that your child has tested positive for COVID-19 over half term.

## Preparing for Return to School

We know that most children are really looking forward to coming back but we also know that some children will find it difficult and may need a little extra support. We want to try and make the transition back to school as smooth as possible for you and your child so if you think your child may struggle please contact your class teacher so that we can consider ways to help them feel settled and happy.

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Kind regards,



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