



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Arrangements for Year 6 pupils returning to school

I am pleased to confirm that we will be welcoming Year 6 pupils back to school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We have had a very successful first 2 weeks, welcoming back Reception and Year 1. Our children have been brilliant and adapted quickly to the new routines. I would also like to say thank you to those parents/carers who have given such positive feedback about the safety measures we have put into place.

### School meals

A polite reminder that all pupils in Key Stage 2 must now pay for a school lunch, unless they are entitled to a free school meal. Last term, Sunderland City Council funded lunches for all key worker children. This is no longer the case.

### Arrangements for other year groups

This week, the Prime Minister announced the plan for all primary aged pupils in England, to go back to school before the end of term, has been dropped by the government. This change of policy reflects the fact that it is not possible to massively increase the space each class needs, to meet social distancing rules and bring everyone back.

At Northern Saints, we have the capacity to bring back a maximum of 50 additional pupils, once Year 6 places have been taken. I have met with governors and we have agreed to keep these spaces for the children of critical workers or children who may be vulnerable. Therefore, regrettably, we cannot safely admit further year groups at this time. As always, if government guidance changes again, we will review our plans and keep you updated.

### Arrangements for September

As a parent myself, I share your questions and anxieties about what September will look like in school. However, the honest answer is, no one knows yet. In the meantime, we will continue as usual to assign new class teachers to classes. I will be writing to you next Friday to inform you who your child's new teacher will be. Each class teacher will then post a video on our ClassDojo to introduce themselves to their new class.

### Timings of the school day

It is important that parents/carers adhere to the times given below, particularly as numbers increase each week. Please do not enter the school grounds before your allotted time slot. Please also note, Year 6 pupils must enter by the Year 6 side gate on Radlett Road. Parents may accompany children to the gate, but please do not come onto the school site. This is to maintain social distancing and stated on our risk assessment.

Bubble Teacher	Start time	Finish Time	Early Finish FRIDAY ONLY*
<b>Reception</b>			
Mrs Hayward	08.45am	3.00pm	12.10pm
Mrs Hesler	08.55am	3.10pm	12.20pm
Miss Maxfield	09.05am	3.20pm	12.30pm
<b>Year 1</b>			
Mrs Dunn	08.45am	3.00pm	12.10pm

Miss Knox	08.45am	3.00pm	12.10pm
Miss Travis	08.55am	3.10pm	12.20pm
Mrs Whitelock	08.55am	3.10pm	12.20pm
Miss Scott	09.05am	3.15pm	12.30pm
<b>Year 6</b>			
Mr Tarpey	08.45am	3.10pm	12.10pm
Mr Clydesdale	08.45am	3.10pm	12.10pm
Miss Shrubbs	08.55am	3.20pm	12.20pm
Mrs Bingham	09.00am	3.30pm	12.30pm

\*Please note that school will be closed to all pupils on a Friday afternoon. There will be an early lunch and all children will be fed. This is to enable us to deep clean the building. It will also give time for teachers to plan lessons and respond to online learning for pupils who are not in school.

Your child's new "bubble teacher" will be in touch via ClassDojo to introduce themselves.

#### A Reminder:

- Staggered start and end times to the school day.
- Each child must line up on the 2 metre markings outside of school.
- Children must wear clean uniform every day. Children will not be allowed to wear their blazer or tie, as this cannot be washed daily.
- Children will be put into 'class bubbles'. These will be made up of up to 10 children with a teacher. Children will remain in this "bubble" each and every school day and will not mix with other children or adults for lessons, break times, worships and lunchtimes.
- 1 child to sit alone at a desk, socially distanced from their classmate.
- Your child is likely not to be taught by their usual class teacher.
- Your child may not be taught in their normal classroom.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered; packed lunches will be allowed and eaten in classrooms. School lunches will also be provided.
- Social distancing rules need to be applied at all times, so interaction at breaks will not be allowed.
- Only resources that are key to learning, such as pen, pencil, book/paper, scissors etc will be available for your child. They will not be allowed to bring in items from home.
- Hourly hand washing and regular use of hand sanitiser in classrooms.
- Designated times to use the toilet.
- All worships will be class based.
- Work cannot be marked by the teacher.
- Only one parent per family is allowed on site following social distancing rules.
- There will be no after school clubs.
- One-way system will be operated for entry/exit of the grounds and once inside the school building.
- If a child has an accident, staff must wear PPE to administer first aid.
- Children who have underlying health conditions and are vulnerable are advised to stay at home.
- Children must not bring **anything** in from home except a packed lunch (if that is what they usually do) i.e. no bags, no toys, no stationery etc.
- KS2 children who normally pay for school lunch must do so using Sunderland City Council Pay For It Service. Guidance for this will be emailed to parents by the school office.
- Our Behaviour Policy has a COVID19 attachment stating that we will have a zero-tolerance approach. Anyone not adhering to the strict safety rules cannot be in school.

**If parents choose not to send their child back to school, they will not be penalised or fined.**

Yours sincerely



Andy Jones  
HEADTEACHER