



St Ann's Heath Junior School

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Full re-opening of school - Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Government announcement Monday evening, we are pleased to confirm that school will be open to all children on Monday 8th March. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school from this day.

The school will continue to follow the protective measures that we have had in place since September. These are detailed below. Please do read them carefully to ensure you are aware of the school procedures. As always, all of our plans and procedures will be regularly reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team. We are currently working our way through the latest guidance published by the Department of Education and will send out further information if required.

We strongly encourage all St Ann's Heath families to follow all Government guidance and adhere to restrictions, at home and in the wider community.

For the next 6 days, it is important for children not at school, to continue to engage well with their remote learning in preparation for returning to school on 8th March.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

With very best wishes,

Jackie King
Co-Head Teachers

Pip O'Connor

Drop off and pick up

Staggered drop off and pick up system will continue to be in place.

Years 4 and 6: 8.30 – 8.40 drop off, 3.10 – 3.20 pick up

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It is important that families adhere to their drop off and pick up times. We will not allow children onto site before their allocated time.

We ask that parents and children do not gather at the school gates at either pick up or drop off times.

	All parents should remain in their cars.
Parents on site	<p>We are aiming to restrict the number of visitors to the school building currently, but if you do need to enter the school site, please be mindful of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a face covering when entering school (unless exempt) • Maintain social distancing on the grounds
Attendance	<p>Attendance at school is compulsory from 8th March. The Government has made it clear that returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. The school will manage attendance in the normal way alongside our Inclusion Officer from Surrey.</p> <p>Children who are shielding due to a medical condition (in line with current guidance where they are classified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable individuals) are the only exception for not attending school. Home learning will be provided for these children and will only be granted after a discussion with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.</p>
Illness	<p>Normal school procedure of informing the school office by 9.20 if your child is going to be absent, apply.</p> <p>If your child is unwell, and displaying any COVID symptoms, please do not send them into school.</p> <p>If your child or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, then please arrange for a test and report the result to the school.</p> <p>Suspected COVID-19 in school</p> <p>Guidance states that all children showing symptoms (a temperature, or presenting with a persistent cough) should be sent home immediately and will have to self-isolate for 10 days along with their household.</p> <p>If symptoms are recorded at school, and a child is subsequently sent home, the decision of the school is final and non-negotiable.</p> <p>Confirmed COVID-19 in school</p> <p>We will seek advice from Public Health England where necessary, regarding the possible closing of class bubbles, year group bubbles or further closure due to a confirmed case of COVID.</p>
School uniform	<p>Children will be expected to wear the full school uniform. Please refer to our website www.stannshealth.org for the latest guidance on school uniform before purchasing new items.</p> <p>We ask that all children to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. They need to bring their school shoes and a change of socks into school on these days to change into after their lessons.</p> <p>Year 3 – PE is on Tuesday and Friday</p>

	<p>Year 4 – PE is on Monday and Friday Year 5 – PE is on Monday and Friday Year 6 – PE is on Tuesday and Friday</p> <p>The government guidance states that school uniform does not need to be washed more than you normally would do, but having PE kit coming back and forth each week should allow you to do this more regularly.</p>
<p>Resources</p>	<p>All children will be expected to supply their own equipment to ensure minimal sharing of individual and frequently used resources.</p> <p>They will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A small flat pencil case (it needs to fit into your child's tray) - HB pencils - A rubber - A pencil sharpener - Pritt Stick - Colouring Pencils - A green biro (for editing work) - A ruler (This can be a short ruler to fit inside a pencil case. The school will have 30cm rulers in class for the children to use. - A blue ink handwriting pen, such as Berol Handwriting Pen, Staedtler Handwriting Pen or Swash Kimfigrip Handwriting Pen (Note: for year 3 and 4 children, this will only be needed once a handwriting licence has been granted) <p>Please ensure that your child does not bring in additional items as we are aiming to limit the amount of equipment children bring into school each day.</p> <p><u>Children need to bring every day:</u> School bag (sensible size) Water bottle Lunch box (if having packed lunch) Fruit or vegetable snack for break (see note below about staggered lunchtimes) Please do not supply any food with nuts in it as we have children with severe allergies in school. School shoes and spare socks– on PE days</p> <p><u>Library books:</u> Children will be able to borrow books from the school library. Returned books will be left for 72 hours before being placed back on the shelf. All children will need to use hand sanitiser before entering the library. Slots will be timetabled for year groups to visit the library so that bubbles do not mix.</p>
<p>Classroom organisation</p>	<p>Children will continue to spend the majority of their time in classrooms in class bubbles of 30. However, during break and lunch times, we will continue to operate year group bubbles.</p> <p><u>Small group support</u></p>

	<p>Where necessary and to support learning, small intervention groups will operate across the year group. Care will be taken to maintain social distancing where possible.</p> <p>Classrooms will be well ventilated throughout the day with windows and doors open at regular intervals. Children will be arranged in forward facing rows or in a horseshoe layout.</p> <p>Staff will be handling children’s exercise books therefore care will be taken to wash hands before and after handling each set of books.</p> <p>Where staff are providing feedback to children during lessons, appropriate protective measures will be taken.</p>
<p>Break and lunch times</p>	<p>Break and lunchtimes will continue to be staggered with year groups being allocated designated outside space to play. This is to ensure year groups remain in their bubbles during these times and do not mix with other year group bubbles. Year group Learning Support Assistants will stay with their year groups to supervise both break and lunch time.</p> <p>Due the staggered nature of the day, year 5 and 6 will continue to have a later lunch. Please ensure you provide a substantial fresh fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime.</p> <p>In the hall for eating lunch, children will be seated in groups of 5 at the same table each day. Seating has been re-organised to ensure children are not seated opposite each other.</p>
<p>Protective measures</p>	<p>Hand and respiratory hygiene will be promoted throughout the day. Posters will be displayed in classrooms and hand washing areas around school. Children will be expected to wash their hands on arrival in school, before and after break and before and after lunch.</p> <p>In classrooms where sinks are not available, there will be access to hand sanitiser.</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning will take place throughout the day in classrooms and toilets.</p> <p>Shared resources, including PE equipment will be sanitised between groups.</p> <p>Our cleaning schedule will continue with desks, chairs and touch points in classrooms wiped over twice a day. Our cleaners work every evening so that each classroom and shared areas are cleaned every day. They are also placing extra emphasis on frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, taps, switches etc.</p>
<p>Face coverings</p>	<p>The government guidance does not recommend wearing face coverings in Primary schools by children or staff.</p>

	<p>However, there are a few children who arrive at school via public transport or a taxi.</p> <p>For these children - the guidance states that children arriving at school wearing a face covering are instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must immediately wash their hands on arrival, dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag that they can take home with them. They then need to rewash their hands.</p> <p>If your child will be wearing a face mask due to travelling on public transport or in a taxi, please ensure you have discussed this guidance with them and supply them with appropriate masks and storage.</p>
<p>The Den wrap-around childcare</p>	<p>We are hoping for our wrap-around care to resume on 8th March.</p> <p>If you require wrap around care please contact Caroline Cleaver either by phoning the school office or by emailing den@stannsheath.org and we will do our best to accommodate you.</p> <p>Further information will follow.</p>
<p>Before and After school clubs</p>	<p>We are hoping for PS Coaching to be able to offer their outdoor sports clubs before and after school from Monday 8th March.</p> <p>Further information will be supplied shortly. If your child is not booked into the club, they will not be able to take part as numbers will be restricted. These will need to be booked online at www.pssportscoaching.com/school-clubs</p>
<p>School office</p>	<p>The school office will be manned between 8.20 and 3.50 to receive phone messages and emails.</p> <p>Please do not visit the school office unless an appointment has been made. Only essential visitors will be allowed on site. All visitors will be expected to leave their contact details in case we need to contact them at a later date.</p> <p>If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can do so by the usual means of a message in your child's planner, phoning the school or emailing on admin@stannsheath.org during normal working hours Monday to Friday.</p> <p>We will not be allowing any person on site to use the disabled toilet at the front of school.</p>
<p>Lateral Flow Testing for staff</p>	<p>Our school staff will continue to take two rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) tests each week at home to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission.</p>