



September Opening 2020 – Parent/Carer Guidance

Return dates:

- **Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6** will return on Wednesday 2nd September between 8:30 and 9:00
- **Reception** will start Thursday 3rd September and will stay for full days, on the first day they will start at 9:30, after their first day they will start between 8:30 and 9:00 with the rest of the school.
- **Nursery** will start Monday 7th September. If your child is entitled to 30 hours, please provide them with a packed lunch and ensure that the office staff have your 30-hour code.

Start of day:

Year groups	Gate to enter	Start Time	End Time
Morning Nursery, Reception, Year 1 Year 2	Windsor Street Entrance	8:30 – 9:00	3:00 – 3:30
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6	Entrance by the church	8:30 – 9:00	3:00 – 3:30
Afternoon nursery	Windsor Street Entrance	12:45	3:00 – 3:30

- Please drop off younger children first; older siblings will be allowed to come in the same gate and will be directed by staff.
- At the end of the day you will pick your child up from the gate you dropped them off at. Staff will radio for your child(ren) Please be patient and allow staff time to safely call your children. Older siblings will be allowed to leave with younger siblings.
- **NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ONSITE UNTIL WE RECEIVE FURTHER GUIDANCE**

Breakfast Club & After school clubs: Initially we will not be offering a breakfast or afterschool club. We hope to be able to operate these again but will need to wait until we have additional guidance to ensure the safety of us all.

Uniform:

- We expect full winter school uniform and school shoes on your return
- Nursery children to wear school tracksuit (preferred) or own comfortable clothes.

PE Kit – PE will continue, and your child will be notified of their PE days. We ask that they come to school on their PE days in their PE kits. We are looking at buying a school tracksuit for each child from Year 1 – year 6 from October.

Assembly: There will be no assemblies at the moment, and we await further guidance on this.

Social distancing guidance - We ask that our school community adhere to social distancing guidance, be patient and kind.

Hand Sanitizer - to be used on entry and exit from the building. All classrooms have hand sanitiser so children do not need to bring their own in unless there is a medical reason.

Water bottles - Children to bring their own water bottles in. Support staff to fill children's water bottles and wipe down the machine and bottles afterwards. Water bottles to stay in school.

Lunchtimes - Children will be offered a choice of a hot dinner or a cold serving. If children prefer, they can bring in a packed lunch. The lunch hall will be cleaned in between sittings. **Dinner money will resume from September, please send payments in an envelope. We are looking into a cashless system and will inform you of this when it is up and running.**

Toileting – Toilets will be cleaned during the day and at the end of the day to prevent risk of virus transmission. No bubbles will use the toilets at the same time.

Cleaning – Cleaning staff will be in at lunch time, they will clean the toilets and communal areas. After school, the classrooms, communal areas and toilets will be cleaned.

Absence – If your child is absent you must ring **01517091062** and let us know the reason for the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you via phone to find out why, if we cannot get in touch, we will visit your house to check that you are all ok. If your child or anyone in the household is displaying symptoms **YOU MUST GET A TEST**. You can book one online at <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

Fogging – twice a week, each classroom will be fogged with a disinfectant. The amount of solution used cannot harm us but can make us cough so this will only be done when children have left the building, therefore, we ask that you collect your child promptly. This process is crucial to us keeping on top of our hygiene routine. Once a room has been fogged nothing can live on the surfaces for 72 hours.

Free School Meals – We would advise that if you think you are entitled to Free School Meals then please apply at the address below <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/>

Time keeping – we urge you to arrive on time and collect your child on time. When the children have left, we can ensure that the school can be cleaned thoroughly. We have allowed enough time to arrive and leave safely 8:30 – 9:00 and finish 3:00 – 3:30.

Bubbles – Children will be in class bubbles (EYFS – Nursery and Reception as one bubble). They will remain in these bubbles all day and can mix when with the children in their class bubbles. They will not be expected to remain at distance when they are in their bubble. Brief walking close contact between bubbles, such as passing in a corridor, is considered an acceptable low risk.

General hygiene, to reduce the risk of the virus spreading:

- Reinforce handwashing routines. Staff and children to wash hands regularly throughout the day, following promoted handwashing guidance.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the “Catch it. Bin it. Kill it” approach.
- Ensure that toilets do not become crowded by limiting the number of children who use them at one time.
- Dining tables should be cleaned between each group.
- Children will play within their bubble groups.
- Unnecessary items should be removed from learning environments.

What to do if someone becomes symptomatic or shows symptoms:

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough, high temperature, or loses their sense of smell or taste they will be sent home immediately and advised to follow the staying at home guidance. **Your child should get a test** and you need to let us know the result, by doing this we can keep everyone safe – we are all responsible.

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- Pupils who develop Covid-19 symptoms whilst in school will be housed securely in a room to help prevent the spread of the virus and you will be called to collect them.
- **IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF ANY CHANGES IN ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS**
- It is not necessary to close the setting, unless government policy changes or direction from Public Health England.

Contact:

Staff will no longer be replying to the school closures email address and will not be responding to direct messages on twitter. All correspondence must go through the school office. If you need to contact school or pass a message onto a teacher please email patricks-ao@st-patricks.liverpool.sch.uk or call 01517091062. We endeavour to respond to you ASAP, but please bear in mind that staff will be unavailable between 8:30 – 3:30

