



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure, like us, that you watched the Prime Minister's most recent update with great interest. It finally feels that we are on our way out of this and that some sort of normality is on the horizon.

Our priority is of course school, and getting our children back where they belong and where they can thrive. This has been an exceptionally hard time for them all, and for families, and we want to thank you all, alongside our brilliant staff, for working so hard with us throughout. There will continue to be challenging times ahead but if we work together, supporting one another, we can ensure our community recovers well.

We will continue with staggered drop off and collection times from the 8th March, starting with the ones which we had planned to use straight after Christmas. Please see the detailed timings attached to this communication. Siblings will need to be dropped off and collected at their allotted times, not with their brothers and sisters, and we ask that parents and carers use their own sense to socially distance and give people space at all times when on the school site. We are very lucky to have large grounds, which means that there is the capacity to do this. With the weather on the up too, waiting for 5 minutes will not be a problem.

If possible, we would encourage you to drop your child at the gate to walk in independently, reducing the number of adults on site at any one time. We also insist that all adults wear a face covering at all times on the school site. If you are not wearing one, please hand your child over at, and collect your child from, the gate each day. There will be members of senior staff at both entrances every morning and afternoon.

We understand that different families have different personal circumstances but we do request that you follow the staggers and work with us, as it is not feasible to individualise times for all families.

We would also ask that you avoid gathering at the school gates and that you only come to the school office if you have an appointment. We have worked very hard to ensure that school has stayed open to its full capacity during every stage of this pandemic. Some of this is of course fortune, but the majority is through strict risk assessments, well planned out procedures and the rigorous systems put in place to ensure a school with such a great number of children can run safely. Therefore, we do politely ask that you adhere to these requests at all times.

We would also like to remind you that your child should only bring essential items into school. These include their bag, lunch box, coat and some schoolbooks. This includes their reading book, their Maths No Problem book and grammar book (KS1). Any other home learning, please keep at home until the teachers invite individual classes to bring in their books or specific selected items. As work has been assessed and reviewed throughout this period, teachers will not be re-marking work that is brought into school. The focus of the teachers will be on the new work, addressing misconceptions and gaps in learning and settling the children back into school life.



We would like your child to continue to wear their PE kit on the relevant day(s). Also, please ensure your child has an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes in order to minimise the mud throughout the school building.

Please note that all staff will be returning to school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March, therefore there will be no live online lessons during these two days. There will still be work set for all the children at home on ItsLearning and Tapestry.

We very much look forward to welcoming your children back into school on the 8th March and are determined to maintain the highest possible standards of safety to support everyone in the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Boston, Mrs Oakland and Mrs Campbell

Senior Leadership Team

