



ST AGNES Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents/carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Thursday 2nd September 2021**.

In order to continue to keep everyone safe and being mindful that Covid infection rates are high and likely to increase with the reopening of schools, I am proceeding cautiously. Therefore we will continue to use separate entrances for different year groups. The new arrangements are slightly different from last year. Please see below. Also be aware that Nursery and Reception have different start dates given to them for the beginning of term but will revert to the times below in due course.

Class	Timing	Entrance/Exit
Nursery * once induction period complete	8.50 – 11.50 p/t or f/t 8.50 – 3.15 f/t	Via car park – front of school
Reception * once induction period complete	8.50 - 3.20pm	Via car park – front of school
Year One	9.00-3.30 pm	Alleyway
Year Two	9.00-3.25 pm	Alleyway
Year Three	9.00-3.25pm	Via car park – front of school
Year Four	9.00-3.30pm children enter school and are directed to walk around to their class.	Via car park – front of school
Year Five	9.00-3.25pm	Double gates next to pen
Year Six	9.00-3.30pm	Double gates next to pen

Children in Nursery or Reception who have older siblings will start at 9.00am.

All children in Years 1-6 will start school at 9.00am but Years 2, 3 and 5 will finish at 3.25pm.

Drop off for Year 1-6 should be at the youngest sibling's entrance.

If the finish time for two siblings is different in Years 1-6, pick up is from the youngest siblings entrance/exit.

Please be prompt to pick up and drop off and please be considerate of neighbouring houses

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. Therefore it would be wise to wear a mask if you find yourself in a cluster with other parents.

Our risk assessment will be updated and placed on the website. As part of the risk assessment - as far as possible, inside the school building classes will be kept apart. Staff will continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week. Under new guidelines if a single child tests positive for Covid in a class, the child self-isolates for 10 days. Remote learning will be provided via the homework blogs. Other children and adults who are double vaccinated in the class do not need to miss school or self-isolate whilst they wait for the result of the PCR test unless they have Covid symptoms. This new ruling is an effort to keep classes running.

Breakfast club will run from Thursday 2nd September from 8.10am. Energy Kids (formerly Sherpa) plans to start afterschool care from the 13th September. I also want to remind you that we have sent home a packed lunch policy at the end of the academic year. This year packed lunches will be monitored more closely and where the contents are at odds with healthy eating you will be informed. See policy sent out with letter dated 16th July 2021. We encourage children to bring in water to drink each day and just a polite reminder that these water bottles should be clear.

Children are allowed to start to bring in their St Agnes Book Bags again. During the first week reading books will be distributed and again we ask for parental support in ensuring children read each day. Your child's class teacher will write to you at the beginning of term with the contents of the Year group curriculum, routines and expectations for the class. This will replace the 'Meet the Teacher'.

Finally, a copy of the school uniform was sent out also with the letter on 16th July 2021. We hope to see everyone back in full school uniform including the appropriate footwear. Remember there are no earrings allowed.

We hope the children are excited to come back. There is nothing quite like the buzz of a busy school – though children tend to be a little tired on their first couple of days back until they find their feet! Make sure they have an early night on Wednesday!

If there is anything you are unsure of, please email info@st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer your queries as promptly as possible. In the meantime, enjoy what remains of the school holidays.

Yours sincerely

Ms B McDaid
Headteacher