



Newsletter – Wednesday 26th August 2020

Welcome back to school everyone and a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception families. I hope you have all had a restful summer and have managed to enjoy getting out and about as much as possible. We have been working hard over the last few weeks to ensure that we have everything ready for your children returning to school. As your children return, they will hopefully also see some additions to our school environment, as we have used the time since March to:



- have a new trim trail installed on the school field;
- have two large 'gazebos' installed on the playground;
- have the area outside Mrs Jeffries' room tarmaced;
- have new resources installed in the outdoor area used by Nursery;
- upgrade our football posts on the school field;
- purchase Kindles and 'state of the art' filming and recording equipment;
- have all of the lighting throughout school upgraded.



Many thanks to all members of staff who put themselves forward to come into school for the first four weeks of the summer holidays to continue with teaching and learning activities for our children. Our aim with this was to provide an opportunity for more children to access learning in school prior to returning in September. Thanks again to the staff involved:



Arrangements for the return to school for all children: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Currently the Government Guidance is that schools will open for all children and so we are emailing you this 'lengthy' newsletter today so that you are fully aware of our plans for when we re-open to all children next week. Home visits for Darlington Street Nursery children and Reception children have been cancelled and so **all children** will be starting on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. On this day, school will re-open fully to all children and any previous arrangements to limit school places during the Coronavirus pandemic will no longer be in effect.

Attendance for all children is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn Term, including for children who have previously, so far, been advised to shield at home. Children who are self-isolating due to quarantining or presenting with symptoms of Coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of Coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for Coronavirus (for those quarantining, then it is the specified days from the time of returning). **If your child** presents with Coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period is 10 days; **if a member of your household** presents with Coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period for your child is 14 days.

In devising the plans for both our sites, we have used key documents from the Local Authority and The Department of Education as well as our experience of when we were partially open to children during the Summer Term. Please note, we do have a contingency plan in place in case of any partial school, whole school, local or national lockdowns.

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General information

We have been provided with a Generic Risk Assessment from Wigan Council and also have a specific St. George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery Risk Assessment in place.

Please ensure that you adhere to, and manage, your own social distancing measures in and around our sites when arriving and leaving. School staff will be on hand to support you with this.

Please avoid congregating anywhere along the pavement outside school, especially if you arrive before the time that classroom doors will be opened. You will only be permitted to enter our school site, each morning and at hometime, **once school staff are present outside the school gates.**

Children should wear their full school uniform.

Both our sites will have a 'one way' system in place for accessing and leaving.

A hand sanitiser station is positioned on the entrance to school and must be used by all staff and visitors on arrival.

In order to prevent congestion, we have avoided giving each year group an allotted time to enter school. We have tried to make it simple to keep movement flowing in that, as soon as you arrive and you are allowed to enter the site.....head for the classroom door and let your child walk straight into their classroom.

At school, all children will be entering our site at the main gates and leaving via the 'Peel Hall' gates.

Each morning, there will be a member of staff on each school gate (including the car park) and on the school playground to facilitate children safely entering our school.

Your child's teacher will let your child know the specific day they will be required to wear their PE kit to school for their outdoor PE lesson (this will be from **Monday 7th September** onwards).

When you enter our sites please avoid touching or accessing any of our resources (including fixed equipment).

Packed lunches can be brought to school as normal (a disposable bag would be ideal). There should be no need to bring any other bags.

Enhanced cleaning of play equipment/resources and frequently touched surfaces will be taking place throughout the school day.

Should you wish to speak to any of our staff (including the school office or nursery office), please telephone or email.

No medicines will be administered in school until further notice.

Again, in order to prevent congestion, we have avoided giving each year group an allotted time to leave school. As soon as you arrive (2:45pm for nursery and 3:00pm for all other classes).....your child should be ready and they will leave as staff see you.

Collective Worship will take place in classrooms/small groups.



Children will need to bring their own water bottle as cups will not be in place for use at the water coolers.

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Lancaster Avenue Nursery





Year group	Nursery Manager	Arrival at nursery
Nursery Lancaster Ave	Miss Naughton	<p>For 2 year old children, enter the nursery site as usual and enter nursery using the door to the left of the main entrance from 8:45am:</p> 
		<p>For pre-school children, enter the nursery site as usual and walk round the right of the building to enter nursery using the door at the rear from 8:45am:</p> 
		<p>Nursery staff will be on hand to support you leaving the site.</p>
		Collection from nursery
		<p>Enter nursery via the same gates as above from 2:45pm.</p> <p>The nursery doors will be open from 2:45pm onwards. Nursery staff will be on hand to support you leaving the site.</p> <p><i>For the few parents/carers dropping off or collecting nursery children at lunchtime, please access and leave nursery via the main nursery entrance.</i></p>

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Darlington Street (School site)



Year group	Teacher	Arrival at school
Nursery Darlington St	Mrs Davies	<p>Enter school via the main gate towards nursery from 8:45am:</p>  <p>The Nursery door at the side of school will be open for children only from 8:45am until 9:15am:</p>  <p>Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
		<p>Collection from school</p> <p>Enter school via the same gates as above from 2:45pm.</p> <p>The nursery door will be open from 2:45pm onwards. Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p> <p><i>For the few parents/carers dropping off or collecting nursery children at lunchtime, please access and leave nursery via the normal nursery side of school (as the playground will be inaccessible during the school day).</i></p>



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Classes	Arrival at school
Reception:NT Miss Taylor	<p data-bbox="491 76 1331 103">Enter school via the main gate towards Miss Taylor’s classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p data-bbox="517 499 1305 560">Miss Taylor’s classroom gate and door at the front of school will be open for children only from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 952 1219 978">Parents/carers then leave school via the ‘Peel Hall’ gates.</p>
Reception:TK Miss Killian	<p data-bbox="432 987 1390 1014">Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) towards Miss Killian’s classroom from 8:30am:</p> <p data-bbox="571 1120 1251 1180">Miss Killian’s classroom door at the rear of school will be open for children only from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1606 1219 1632">Parents/carers then leave school via the ‘Peel Hall’ gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p data-bbox="512 1711 1114 1738">Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1776 1278 1803">Reception:NT and Reception:TK classroom doors will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1841 1193 1868">Parents/carers and children then leave school via the ‘Peel Hall’ gates.</p>	




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Year 1TL: Mrs Leech	<p data-bbox="496 85 1326 114">Enter school via the main gate towards Mrs Leech's classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p data-bbox="427 539 1398 568">Mrs Leech's classroom door at the rear of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 963 1220 992">Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Year 1/2OB: Mrs O'Brien	<p data-bbox="427 996 1398 1025">Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) towards Mrs O'Brien's classroom from 8:30am:</p> <p data-bbox="416 1160 1409 1189">Mrs O'Brien's classroom door at the rear of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1615 1220 1644">Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p data-bbox="512 1722 1114 1751">Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="392 1785 1235 1814">Year 1TL and Year 1/2OB classroom doors will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p data-bbox="432 1848 1195 1877">Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>	




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Year 2JW: Mrs Wright	<p>Enter school via the main gate and turn left towards Mrs Wright's classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p>Mrs Wright's classroom door at the front of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p>Parents/carers then leave school via the car park path towards the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Year 3EG: Miss Glassbrook	<p>Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) and turn right toward the car park path to Miss Glassbrook's classroom from 8:30am:</p> <p>Miss Glassbrook's classroom door along the car park path will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p>Parents/carers then leave school via the car park path toward the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p>Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p>Year 2JW and Y3EG classroom doors will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p>Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>	




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Classes	Arrival at school
Year 3/4CS: Mr Simmons	<p data-bbox="469 76 1358 136">Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) and turn right toward the car park path to Mr Simmons' classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p data-bbox="400 533 1422 562">Mr Simmons' classroom door along the car park path will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="459 954 1361 983">Parents/carers then leave school via the car park path towards the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Year 4HJ: Mrs Jeffries	<p data-bbox="469 1021 1358 1081">Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) and turn right toward the car park path to Mrs Jeffries' classroom from 8:30am:</p> <p data-bbox="408 1151 1415 1180">Mrs Jeffries' classroom door along the car park path will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="464 1608 1358 1637">Parents/carers then leave school via the car park path toward the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p data-bbox="515 1711 1114 1740">Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1776 1230 1805">Year 3/4CS and Year 4HJ classroom doors will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p data-bbox="435 1841 1190 1870">Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>	



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Year 5JY: Mr Young	<p data-bbox="501 76 1321 103">Enter school via the main gate towards Mr Young's classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p data-bbox="430 530 1391 557">Mr Young's classroom door at the rear of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 952 1217 978">Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Year 5/6NC: Mr Cooke	<p data-bbox="442 987 1382 1014">Enter school via the main gate (<i>as above</i>) towards Mr Cooke's classroom from 8:30am:</p> <p data-bbox="430 1151 1391 1178">Mr Cooke's classroom door at the rear of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 1608 1217 1635">Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p data-bbox="513 1711 1112 1738">Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="395 1776 1230 1803">Year 5JY and Year 5/6NC classroom doors will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p data-bbox="435 1841 1190 1868">Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>	

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Classes	Arrival at school
Year 6AJM: Mrs Malley/ Mrs Morris	<p data-bbox="424 76 1398 103">Enter school via the main gate towards Mrs Malley's/Mrs Morris' classroom from 8:30am:</p>  <p data-bbox="352 530 1469 557">Mrs Malley's/Mrs Morris' classroom door at the rear of school will be open from 8:30am until 8:55am:</p>  <p data-bbox="603 954 1217 981">Parents/carers then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>
Collection from school	
<p data-bbox="515 1025 1114 1052">Enter school via the same gates as above from 3:00pm.</p> <p data-bbox="472 1090 1155 1117">Year 6AJM classroom door will be open from 3:00pm onwards.</p> <p data-bbox="435 1155 1190 1182">Parents/carers and children then leave school via the 'Peel Hall' gates.</p>	

Other information

On arrival children will wash their hands and regular hand washing in small groups will take place throughout the day.

Resources used will be rotated and will be regularly cleaned.

Regularly used surfaces and other equipment will be wiped down throughout the day.

Outdoor areas will be used as much as possible.

Staff will remain in their own room/area with their own children as much as possible throughout the day.

Staggered playtimes/lunchtimes are organised with each group of children playing together with their own equipment to use, within their own area of the playground to minimise the chance of children/adults mixing groups.

Hot meals will be prepared for children on school dinners.

Seating at lunchtime will be organised to minimise the chance of children/adults mixing groups.

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Further School information:



Our School App – To ensure that you don't miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download 'Our School App' (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George's Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add dates of all the key events taking place in school which this will 'sync' to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders .

For school and class information in 'real time', make sure you follow our teachers in school on Twitter. My Twitter account links to the opening page of the school website (Mr Grogan @MrGSGC). Below are current Twitter accounts from school staff:



Ms Naughton @MsSNSGC	Mrs Davies @MrsDSGC	Miss Taylor @MissTSGC	Miss Killian @missksgc
Mrs Leech @MrsLSGC	Mrs O'Brien @MrsOBSGC	Mrs Wright @MrsWSGC	Miss Glassbrook @MissEGSGC
Mr Simmons @MrSimSGC	Mrs Jeffries @MrsJeffriesSGC	Mr Young @mrysgc	Miss Gray @missvgsgc
Mr Cooke @MrCookeSGC	Mrs Malley @AJMSGC	Mrs Morris @MrsMSGC	Mr Grogan @MrGSGC



Key dates 2020 – 2021 – On Friday, I will email you the 'Key dates 2020/2021' document. Included in this document are all the 'major' events that we know are taking place in school where you may need to plan ahead for time off work so that you can attend. You usually receive a copy of this before we finish for summer but, as you can imagine, it has been difficult to make arrangements for all of our usual events, in our 'usual' way. As restrictions ease over time, we will be able to add to our planned events and we will include any additions on our half termly dates letter (starting with Autumn Term 2nd half which will be emailed to you on Friday 23rd October). All date letters will also be on our school website and there will be links on our school Facebook page (see image) and my Twitter page on the days they are emailed out. Over the course of the year, we will communicate to you via letters, emails and texts and messages are sometimes posted on our school Facebook page and my Twitter account.

Please ensure that we have an up to date copy of your current contact details (email and mobile phone number) so that you don't miss out. Also, remember that paper copies of all newsletters/dates letters are available on request.

So unless anything changes....

...we look forward to welcoming you and your children to nursery/school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. Please ensure you become familiar with the classroom doors your children will be entering through and leaving from and the times that they are open for you. As we will now be fully opening to all year groups, staff outside school will need to 'keep people moving' so as to safely manage the arrival and departure of over 300 children. Therefore please support us with this and make use of phone/email methods of communication as opposed to spending time explaining any specific issues, particularly near the school gates or classroom doors.

Since March, I have seen our school community come together to further cement our strong partnership. As a result of this, I think that your children will be great when they return to school! Those children starting in our nurseries and those new children starting in Reception will feel like they have been here for years after a few days and those children that have been here for years, will soon be back into the groove!

Keep up the good work – you have done a great job with your children and now we can continue to support each other as we open next week. I can't wait to see you all next Wednesday.

Mr M Grogan, Headteacher

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