



St Julian's  
Church School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I trust that you were all able to enjoy your Christmas and New Year celebrations, albeit on a smaller scale than normal.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on **Wednesday 6th January**. Following the recent communications from Alun Williams and government announcements I thought it would be helpful to write to parents to remind and reassure you of all the measures we are taking in school to keep children and staff safe

St Julian's Church School is in BANES and is currently in [Tier 3](#). As a primary school in this area we are **fully open**. Therefore, we expect every child to be in school unless they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or other illness that would normally prevent a child from attending school.

The safety and wellbeing of our school community is our main concern. Frequent handwashing, social distancing, more frequent cleaning and other precautions have been in place since June and will continue to be observed. These measures are making a difference and are helping to keep the risk of transmission in our schools reduced. Thank you for your support in reminding children of these measures and insisting that they observe them.

We have evaluated our Risk Assessment and are confident that we are doing all that we can to mitigate and reduce the risk of transmission between staff and children.

### 1) Smaller bubbles

We will continue to operate four bubbles at all times. In practice this means that your child will learn, play and eat only with children from their own class. We will have zoned outside play areas and the children will be rotated between each area for playtimes. Having welly boots in school is advised as we will need to play on the grassy and muddy areas. We will spread out the play equipment so that every zone has sufficient toys and equipment to keep children busy and happy. Staff will continue to work only with one bubble unless this is unavoidable due to staffing requirements.



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## **2) Wrap-around care will continue with additional measures**

We will maintain four bubbles in the Breakfast Club. Each bubble will have a table in the hall and their own resources that they will be able to use. Breakfast Club is an excellent way to start the day and also ensure your child is in school on time, fed and happy. Please feel free to try Breakfast club this term if you haven't already.

## **3) Increasing ventilation and time spent outdoors**

We will continue to ensure high levels of ventilation inside, increasing it whenever possible. This will mean that your child will need to wear additional layers of clothing as it will be cold in our classrooms. Please ensure your child has an extra jumper in school each day. In addition we will ensure that children are taken outside for play or fresh air at least once every hour. This will also allow fresh air to 'flush through' the classrooms.

## **4) All staff and parents to wear masks when in communal areas or at pick up and drop off**

Staff will be encouraged to wear masks or visors when working with small groups of children or when close to children and when in any communal areas such as the hall and corridors. Primary aged children are still not advised to wear masks by the government.

We are requesting that parents and carers continue to wear masks when dropping children to school or collecting them. Parents will only be allowed onto site if they have a pre-arranged appointment or arrangement.

As last term, please spend the minimal amount of time by the school gates as possible. Please arrive on time for your child's start and finish time – children arriving early or late cause additional congestion. Please send siblings in together so you are able to return home promptly. As far as possible please can only one parent or carer drop off and collect and please do not stop to chat.

## **5) Equipment and bags**

No changes will be made with regards to reading books, equipment or bags. Please return reading diaries and finished reading books every Friday. They will be reissued to children every Monday. Please complete set homework as directed by the class teacher, uploading photos of this to Dojo when complete. Teachers will then give feedback to the children through Dojo or verbally in class.

Please can children only bring a bag to school if it is essential. Lunch boxes are stored under desks/tables in the classroom and books only come into school on Fridays. Bags are not banned, but we have very tight cloakrooms and so the fewer bags we have in school the easier it is for children to maintain distance in the cloakrooms. Therefore please consider very carefully if your child's bag is essential that day or not. If essential, then that is absolutely fine.

## **6) Curriculum**

Please continue to support your child to read daily, practice their spellings and maths facts and complete any homework set.

If a child is unable to attend school because they are waiting for a test or due to a bubble shutting in response to a case of Covid-19, we will send work home on Dojo. This work should be uploaded to Dojo each day for the teachers to mark. It is vital that children who are well complete this home learning as it ensures they keep up with the class and do not fall further behind.

## **7) Parents with symptoms**

If you suspect that you have any symptoms relating to COVID-19 it is vital that you do not come to school to drop your children off/collect children. Equally, if you have had a covid test and are awaiting results you MUST stay in self-isolation and not come to the school. Please make alternative arrangements to get your child to and from school.

## **8) Communication**

Although our 'open door' policy is somewhat restricted at the moment, please remember that we are always there for you if you need us. Please contact teachers via Dojo or an email to the office. We will always get back to you and are very happy to call you for a chat.

As always, please contact me if you require any further information or clarification and I will do my very best to provide it for you. Please be patient as the situation could be subject to changes in the coming days and weeks .

Once again, we thank you for your continued support in these difficult times. We understand that this time of uncertainty can put a lot of strain on families in many ways and some families may find themselves under pressure from worries over health or financial strain. Please do contact Mrs Noall or Mrs Mapstone if we can help you in any way.

Kind regards

Ruth Noall

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