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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to have a pleasant summer with some rest. We were blessed with some lovely sunshine which I hope you could enjoy, as I did with my family. It was really wonderful to start the holiday with the memories of so many happy children back at school for our last day on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

We are very excited to welcome all the children back this Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September **in full school uniform (with tie)**. I wrote to all of you before the summer holidays with our re-opening plans for September onwards and have copied the details again below. We have worked closely within government guidelines to ensure we can open in the safest way possible. South Gloucestershire local authority have asked us to share this guidance with you, which it has asked all schools to follow:

1. The following are now recognised symptoms of COVID-19:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
  - a high temperature
  - a new, continuous cough
  - a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
2. If your child has these recognised symptoms, you must inform the school and then get tested. Please book a free coronavirus (COVID-19) test through the [online booking portal](#). This will then give you a range of testing options available in your local area. These are:
  - test centre – booking a test at a drive-in test centre is likely to be the fastest way to get a test and the nearest ones in South Gloucestershire are: Bristol (Bristol Airport) or Gloucester (Hempstead Meadow) [online booking portal](#)
  - home test kit – parents or carers can order a home test kit for their child or young person [online booking portal](#)
3. All schools, including our own have been given a very limited stock of home test kits. These will **only** be issued to parents and carers for a child or young person in exceptional circumstances. If you have access as a parent or carer to the internet at home, it would be expected that you would book a test through the online portal in the first instance please.
4. We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is negative, you must still notify the school immediately of the outcome. They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire to update their records in line with their standard operating procedures.
5. We ask that if your child is symptomatic and has a test, if this is positive, you must notify the school immediately of the outcome. They will then notify Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with your child to self-isolate in line with national guidance; this will be managed sensitively.
6. If there were to be any confirmed case with a child or young person in our school, then our leaders will work with Public Health South Gloucestershire, the Education department of the Council and the

regional PHE health protection team to advise anyone who has come into close contact with the confirmed case to self-isolate in line with national guidance.

I hope this is reassuring for parents, children and staff. Things will be a little different of course, but our commitment to do the very best for our children remains the same.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next few days,

Best wishes,

Mark Hilliam,  
Headteacher.

**Here are arrangements until at least the end of term 1 (October half term).**

***Please note: parents are not permitted to come onto the playground except for those with new Reception starters.***

Bubble/Class	Reception (*from 28/9/2020)	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 4/5	Year 5/6
Teacher	Mrs Allen/Ms Kirby	Mrs Bowen	Mr Isaacs	Mrs Grew/Mrs Swonnell	Mr Newman	Miss Triggs
Classroom	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own	Own
Time of entry	9:00am*	8.50am	8:30am	8:40am	8:50am	8:40am
Entry/exit	Side gate – parents walk up to reception gate and back along race-track	Side gate	Side gate, children walk around to rear door	Side gate, children walk round to HUB door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door	Main gate, along car park and into classroom door
Times of break and play zones (same for lunch)	10:40am – 11am  Infant playground	11-11:20am,  Infant playground	10:40am-11am  Left playground	10:40-11am  Right playground	11am-11:20am  Left playground	11am-11:20am  Right playground
Time of lunch	12.00 –12:30 pm eating  12:30-1pm play	12.30-1pm eating  1-1:30pm play	12-12:30pm eating  12:30-1pm play	12-12:30pm eating  12:30-1pm play	12:30-1pm eating  1-1:30pm play	12:30-1pm eating  1-1:30pm play
Time of leaving	3.00pm*	3.30pm	3:10pm	3.20pm	3:30pm	3:20pm
Toilets to be used	Reception	Infants	Juniors by lobby (girls/boys)	Girls KS2	Boys KS2	Boys KS2

**Please do not drop off your child late or early**, as this will affect the bubble system. The only exception to this is if there are siblings with different drop-off times. In which case, please liaise with the relevant classteacher who may be able to accommodate your child earlier. You will need to wait for any different finish times for your children as collecting them early will result in them missing lessons and not completing their allocated school day.

**Lunches:**

To minimise infection risks, children will eat packed lunches in their classrooms. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are eligible for a free lunch under the 'Universal Free School Meal' initiative. If your child is eligible for free school meals they will receive a packed lunch unless you provide your own. School packed lunches can be ordered in the same way as you previously ordered a hot lunch. All sandwiches are made fresh daily by our kitchen staff and include a snack, piece of fruit and a drink.

*Please ensure you log onto Parentpay to order either a school provided meal or indicate if your child has a Home Packed Lunch with them. Due to the current situation if a meal is not indicated your child will be provided with a school packed lunch which will be chargeable for KS2 children. Teachers no longer take dinner registers and the office are unable to break bubbles to check for missing meals.*

Please note that no tuck is available to purchase during morning break.

**Wrap around club:**

We will still be operating our breakfast and after-school club provision but will implement the latest government guidance to ensure this is as safe as possible. Some groups of children will be taken to and collected from their bubbles as there are different start and finish times for each class. Please contact the office to book your sessions via [OSC@staugustinesprimary.org.uk](mailto:OSC@staugustinesprimary.org.uk)

**PE:**

Children will not be changing for PE lessons in school and will need to come in their PE kits on the days they have lessons. There is no need for your child to wear a PE kit until the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September.

PE Lessons					
Rec	Class 1	Class 2/3	Class 3/4	Class 4/5	Class 5/6
Thursday Friday	Tuesday Wednesday	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Friday

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	September	INSET DAY 1
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	September	INSET DAY 2
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	February	INSET DAY 3
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup>	May	INSET DAY 4
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	July	INSET DAY 5
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	September	Yr 3 Clean Air Workshop by the Road Safety Team
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	October	School Open Day (tours at 9.30am, 11.20am and 2.00pm)
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	October	School Open Day (tours at 9.30am, 11.20am and 2.00pm)
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	October	School Open Evening for Prospective Reception Parents at 6.00pm
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	October	Individual School Photos
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	October	Half Term