

# St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re-opening update.

As we have now been open for more than a week, we are able to review how our arrangements are working and provide you with updates. This morning you will have received a letter from South Gloucestershire council with their guide to social distancing.

### Entry and exit:

The school would like to thank parents and carers for engaging with us to ensure a safe and successful return to education this September. We are conscious that we are managing high volumes of people at both the start and the end of the school day, we would therefore like to remind parents and carers of the importance of retaining a social distance. With this, we ask that parents do not congregate and support our school system for the safe entry and exit of our children/students.

Please do not bring/collect your child late or early as this impacts on other bubbles. We have been as flexible as we can within the constraints of the guidance to allow siblings to enter school together. The teachers are expecting these siblings and have made arrangements for them. **Please do not send your child into school until their allocated time, unless they are arriving with a sibling.** It will help us to maintain bubbles if the siblings do not mix with other children in the other bubbles and simply walk in with their brother or sister.

A reminder of the times:

Bubble/Class	Reception (*from 28/9/2020)	Year 1	Year 2/3	Year 3/4	Year 4/5	Year 5/6
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
Time of leaving	3.00pm*	3.30pm	3:10pm	3.20pm	3:30pm	3:20pm



## Bags and belongings

The teachers are finding that children are coming into school with large rucksacks and bags which are not needed. From Monday, please do not send your child in with large/heavy rucksacks. They should only require their coat, a book bag (a plastic bag will suffice) and a packed lunch box/holder. This will help with space in the corridors and reduce the amount of items being transferred to and from school.

## COVID measures

We are stringently following local and national guidance regarding our systems, procedures and risk assessments. We have implemented staggered entries/arrivals, strict bubbles and greatly enhanced cleaning, together with hand washing on arrival, before a snack, after play, before eating lunch and after lunch at least.

Thank you for keeping children off school if symptomatic. If a child in school has one or more of the recognised COVID symptoms, we will inform you and he/she child will need to get tested. You can 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

All schools, 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 the parent or carer has access to the internet at home, **it would be expected** that they would book a test through the online portal in the first instance please.

## Test and trace/bubbles:

As you know the Government is operating a scheme known as 'Test and Trace' that is designed to contain the spread of the virus as much as possible. When a case of Coronavirus is reported and tested as positive the individual will be asked to provide details of establishments they have visited and who they may have been in close contact with during the run up to the diagnosis. When a case is reported that involves someone at this school we will be contacted by Test and Trace and asked to provide the contact details of those attending the school that might be at risk of being exposed to the virus. If such a scenario happens we will use the details we already have on record about you, so please inform us of any recent changes to your contact details. Should you have any concerns about how we may share your contact details with the Test and Trace scheme please let us know.

We have plans in place should a bubble need to close and can revert to home learning using our google classroom platform as before. As you would expect, we will not provide lessons or work for children who are away from school due to illness as they need to recover. This has always been the case.



Thank you once again for your co-operation in the above matters.

I hope you all manage to have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

