



St George's Catholic Primary Voluntary Academy



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*"We are learning and growing together as God's family.
We will always do our best to love and respect each other as we prepare for our future".*

Dear Parents,

As we enter the month of National lockdown, I am writing to let you know about our continued measures to keep our school community safe and some slight changes we have had to make to our arrangements.

When you enter the school site, the following measures will be in place for everyone's safety and will be effective from **Thursday 5th November**. **Please read the following information carefully.**

Face coverings for parents and carers

All parents and carers (with the exception of those who are medically exempt) are **expected** to wear a face covering when they drop off and pick up their child from school. Those who are medically exempt must let the school know via e mail. This will help prevent the spread of viruses.

Social distancing during drop offs and pick ups on the playground

We urge everyone to spread out and avoid crowding in the school grounds. You must keep a safe distance from other parents. You must not gather in small friendship groups in the school grounds.

One parent/carer on site

It is strictly one parent/carer on site for drop off and collection, please do not arrive in pairs to do this task, there is no need. Only one house member on the school grounds will further reduce risks.

Quick 'drop and go'

To avoid overcrowding, we are asking parents and carers to avoid spending excess time on the school site when dropping off and picking up your child/children.

Please make sure your child has everything they need in their school bag before entering the school site, and keep goodbyes short to make space for the next group of pupils arriving.

Being on time

It is most important that you arrive on time so that we avoid parents and children entering school through the main front doors into the lobby and therefore mixing within "bubbles". Some families are consistently late and we ask that you show support for what the school is doing during this time.

Year group times reminder

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8.55	3.05
1	8.50	3.15
2	8.40	3.10
3	8.40	3.15
4	8.45	3.20
5	8.45	3.20
6	8.50	3.25

Entering the school building

Please do not enter the school building to make a non-urgent query. Parents are not allowed to enter the school building to use the toilet. Parents are asked to telephone or mail the school office if they have a query.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff

Please make an appointment to speak with the staff member through the school office via telephone or e mail, as there won't be an opportunity to speak to staff during drop offs and pick-ups. This is to prevent crowding at the gate. If a face to face appointment is not necessary, teachers can call parents after school to discuss any concerns you may have. All other communication can be through the reading record.

Additional safety measures – Clubs

All sports clubs by outside providers after school will be cancelled for a month (or until further notice should guidelines change). Swimming will not take place for year 5 pupils.

Clubs run by Mr Lewis will continue.

Wrap around care – Breakfast and Afterschool clubs will remain open in order to allow parents to work. Bookings must be made in advance through the e mail address afterschool@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support in making the school a safe place for everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support in making last half term a highly successful return. All staff at St George's firmly believe that children need to be in school and we look forward to another successful half term with high attendance to enable progress and achievement.

God Bless and Stay Safe,



Mrs Deirdre Monaghan
Headteacher