



5th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all!

As we are again in an uncertain situation regarding the virus, we want to remind you of the measures we are putting in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible from COVID19 transmission during these continuing uncertain times.

- All children sanitise their hands on entering school and will wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.
- On P.E. days children will need to come to school already dressed in their PE kit for the day. (No PE bags brought to school)
- All children to bring their **own pencil cases** with writing and colouring stationery and these will be kept in school in their own trays. Children can also bring in a **book of their choice** for quiet reading.
- The staff car park will be out of use between 8:40 and 8:55 am so that Y5 & Y6 children are arriving in a safe zone.
- Desks, chairs, door handles and light switches are wiped down at break times.
- All children from Year 2 up work at desks facing forward.
- When staff are working within 2 meters of children, they wear a face visor in order to protect each other from virus transmission.
- Younger children in Reception and Year 1 continue to use role-play areas and any items used are wiped or washed at the end of each day.
- All children have a designated class areas at playtimes (rotated weekly).
- Years 2, 5 & 6 eat lunch in their classrooms; Reception class, Year 1, Year 3 & Year 4 eat in a designated space in the hall (separate times between KS1 & KS2 bubbles with cleaning in between).
- Toilets are cleaned midday and at the end of each day and each class use a designated toilet for their group, two at a time.

Remote Learning Plans:

Should classes or the whole school need to work from home, all learning will go remote. Learning will be delivered via the Google classroom platform including some live lessons throughout the day. Each child has a login for this and some have already become familiar with it through home learning activities. In the case of whole school closure, live lessons will be time tabled for each class so that there is no clash between siblings in receiving their live teaching input. As with anything new, there may be some teething problems but we will address this together and try our best to resolve the issues. There will be back up packs on the class website pages should you have any IT problems at home. At the moment, please ensure that you know where your child's passwords are for Google classroom, IXL, Reading eggs, Espresso & Timetables Rockstars. **Please note for Reception class, Mrs Hall will continue will communicate with parents via the school website class page.**

As schools will still need to provide places for the vulnerable, critical worker's children and teachers will also be required to work remotely, we would ask all critical worker families for your support by considering carefully if your child/ children will need a place on some days rather than everyday – this will help us manage the demand on staff required in the school.

As a reminder, teacher emails are:

Mrs Hall- Reception/Maple class: s.hal@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Mrs Reader -Year 1/ Elm class: s.reader@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Mr Pickavance -Year 2/Sycamore class: a.pickavance@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Miss England -Year 3/ Beech class: e.england@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Mrs Dale -Year 4/ Oak class: g.dale@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Mrs Henderson - Year 5/ Willow class: a.henderson@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk
Miss Cheeseman - Year 6/Rowan class: k.cheeseman@stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk

In summary, children will need to bring their lunch, a drink, pencil case and a book of their own choice- all of these in an appropriate sized rucksack. If they like, they can also bring their own skipping rope and a small hand sanitiser to school.

We hope that everyone has a good start to the new year and that we can all support each other through this complicated virus situation.

Best wishes,

Mrs Christopher