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Newsletter 10

Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening, we are pleased to hear that all children will be returning to school on **Monday 8th March**.

Firstly, a huge WELL DONE to all parents during this really challenging time. Teachers have been so impressed by the efforts of so many parents supporting children with their home-learning. The children have developed some fantastic new skills and shown great resilience during this time. We are well aware how difficult this has been for many families but are full of admiration for the way you have adapted. A steep learning curve indeed!! Housepoints for all of you!

Once the children have returned, please rest assured that staff will do everything possible to identify gaps in learning and we are putting together a host of catch up plans to make sure that all children move forward in their learning. I look forward to sharing these plans with you in due course.

Arrangements for Monday 8th March are very similar to those of September in terms of drop off and pick up times etc.

Drop off and Pick up arrangements

I am grateful to parents and carers for adhering to the drop off and pick up arrangements that we had last term. It is essential that we continue to practise social distancing and take all measures necessary to ensure the safety of others and ourselves.

It is essential that we keep Year groups (super bubbles) separate from each other both during the day and at drop off and pick up times. For this reason please see the table below:-

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Drop off/Pick up Point for children
Reception Classes	8.45am	3.00pm	Enter by corridor between William Older pre-school and St Margaret's main entrance
Year 1	8.40am	3.00pm	Enter by the silver gate (by Year 1 classrooms) and through the Year 1 area doors
Year 2	8.40am	3.05pm	Enter by silver gates and wait in designated area. Please leave pathway clear
Year 3	8.40am	3.05pm	Enter by small wooden gates between William Older pre-school and St Margaret's main entrance
Year 4	8.40am	3.05pm	Enter by the green Arundel Road main school gates and into the school via the external class door
Year 5	8.30am	3.00pm	Enter school by the silver gate (by the Year 1 classrooms). Lewes class will enter school via the Year 2 corridor and Amberley class will enter school via the door opposite Year 6
Year 6	8.30am	3.00pm	Enter by the green Arundel Road main school gates. Arundel class will enter school via the classroom's backdoor. Bramber class will enter school via the library doors. Bodiam will enter school via the top library doors.

NB. It is absolutely vital that children arrive at school at the allotted time. Please do not arrive early or late to school so that we can maintain social distancing.

- The drop off and collection points are still clearly marked for children and parents. Please note that for those who arrive by car, the school car park will **NOT** be in use as a turning circle.
- Parents will not be allowed on to the school playground in the morning but should wait at the allotted entrance prior to the gates being opened at the allocated time. If you have more than one child at the school and they start at different times, please wait with your child whose time starts earliest before going to the next entrance point wherever possible
- When collecting your children at the end of the day, please arrive promptly via the silver gate and leave using the one way system as soon as you have collected your child

As usual members of staff will be outside school to greet the children. Please continue to use the one way system (out via the green gate on Arundel Road) to avoid contact.

Please also note that Years 2, 3 and 4 end the day at 3.05 to avoid a 10 minute wait for parents with children in other year groups.

IMPORTANT – COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND PARENTS/CARERS

All our communication between school and home is moving to ParentMail by **5th March 2021**. This means that all texts, emails, payments etc will be via the same provider. This is in response to parent requests that all communication is under one umbrella!

However, for this to work efficiently it is important that the primary contact uploads the ParentMail App direct to their phone as all text/email messages that are sent from school will go direct to this app. Messages will easily be missed if you do not have the app on your phone. Currently we have 149 families that are not currently using the app. It is also important that you regularly check your ParentMail App for messages/emails.



Uniform

When all children return to school, we ask that all children wear school uniform and bring in appropriate PE/games kit. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named as we cannot keep lost property. There are several companies that offer reasonably priced name labels. One company called "Easy to name" (<https://www.easy2name.com>) provides iron stick and clip on labels. If you use this site the school can benefit but please select our school name when purchasing.

If you require any items of uniform, please complete the form on our website under Uniform. We will then process your order, set up an invoice via ParentMail and once this has been paid you will be contacted for a collection date. If for any reason we are out of stock of any items ordered, we will let you know.

What should my child bring to school?

- Named water bottle
- Named lunch box – if your child is having a packed lunch
- Named PE/games kit including appropriate footwear
- A healthy snack for break time

Children in Years 5 and 6 may bring a mobile phone to school (especially if they walk to school). On arriving at school the phone should be turned off and handed to the class teacher who will keep them safely until the end of the day.

Please note that children are not permitted to use their mobile phone at any time throughout the school day.

Keeping safe

We want to ensure as far as possible that we do not have any further bubbles requiring self isolation. We have stringent methods in place to protect staff and children. Please note the following:-

- We will ensure regular handwashing in each classroom throughout the day
- Hand sanitizer will be available for every child at different points of the classroom (where appropriate, use will be supervised by an adult).
- There will be enhanced cleaning throughout the week and throughout the day in order to maintain safety for children and adults.

Children will have access to tissues to help us promote the “catch it, bin it, kill it” policy.



School Office

The school office will be staffed as usual but we would ask you to limit any phone calls to emergency information and enquiries only. Please feel free to leave a message on the school answerphone which will be dealt with or use the school office email school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk should you wish to contact your child's class teacher – this will be checked regularly throughout the day and messages can be swiftly passed on.

All conversations with class teachers will be by phone or email for the time being and visits to the school will be by appointment only.



Actions to be taken if a child or adult shows signs of COVID-19

In the event of any child or adult showing symptoms of COVID-19 the following actions will be taken:-

- The child will be removed from their class bubble and brought to the medical room where a member of staff in full PPE will attend to them whilst contact is made with parents/carers to collect the child straight away (Please make sure that the school office has your most up-to-date contact details if you have changed them recently).
- Parents must be available to collect their child within a maximum of 45 minutes. Parents will be asked to organise a COVID-19 test for the child and let the school know as soon as they have the result.
- During this time the child will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days or until the test results are back and are shown to be negative
- The child's whole family will need to self isolate for 10 days or until the test shows negative.
- If the test result is positive then the family AND the child's bubble will need to self-isolate for 10 days to watch for symptoms and to keep the school informed. This may include the whole year group (super bubble) if the child has had contact with other children in their year group outside their class bubble. The Local Authority would be contacted.
- Should school have two positive cases within a fortnight this will be considered an outbreak (Public Health England) and the Local Authority would be informed. The decision to close the whole school or have a partial closure will be taken at Local Authority level.

NB. NO CHILD SHOULD COME IN TO SCHOOL IF THEY SHOW ANY SYMPTOMS OR HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO DEVELOPS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, IS IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS SOMEONE WAITING FOR TEST RESULT, OR SOMEONE WHO TESTS POSITIVE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ADVICE.



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World Book Day

Next Thursday is world book day and children attending school and those learning from home are invited to dress up as a book character or in their PJs. Children should bring in their favourite book or have it ready at home ready for the remote learning lesson.

Please check the website for further details and a quiz for the children to complete.

CLICK HERE'."/>

**St Margaret's
World Book Day
Celebrations!**

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
4 MARCH 2021

All children can come to school (or online lessons for those at home) in their PJs or in a book character costume! The day's activities will be book related, including a special quiz the staff have made for you!

Please take photos and add them to our World Book Day online Padlet (password has been sent to your parent/carer) [CLICK HERE](#)

Yours sincerely,

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To develop a life-long love of learning; to grow spiritually and reflect Jesus in our words and action; to foster self-respect and love for others; to provide opportunities for ALL to flourish; to serve our community; to prepare and equip for an ever-changing world.