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Return to Junior School Arrangements - January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a restful Christmas break with your families. We are very much looking forward to hearing all about it when your child returns to school on Monday 10 January. Whilst school is closed that day for Senior School pupils due to 11+ assessments, it is a normal school day for all Junior School pupils, which we will be accommodating alongside our 7+ assessment day.

I would like to thank you all for your cooperation at the end of term to assist us in our return to amber measures in Prep and am delighted to share with you that we can return to normal (with preventative measures and risk mitigation still in place, of course) on Monday for all year groups. There are a few key updates and reminders that I would like to share with you in advance so please do take a moment ahead of the new school year to remind yourselves of the information included.

Drop Off and Collection

Drop Off			
Timing	Headmaster's House Gate	Junior School Field Gate	West Gate
0820-0835	Nursery and Reception	Years 1 - 6	
Collection			
Timing	Headmaster's House Gate	Junior School Field Gate	West Gate
1510	Nursery		
1515	Reception		
1520	Year 1		Year 2
1535	Years 3 & 4		Years 5 & 6

Testing

All children from 5 years old who have been identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a lateral flow test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their school as normal, unless they have received a positive test result. Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are not required to be worn by children in primary schools. Should you prefer for your child to wear a face covering, please let their Form Teacher know and ensure that your child fully understands how to put it on and remove it safely.

Ventilation

We will continue to ensure that classrooms and communal spaces are well ventilated. Please ensure that your child has a coat, hat and scarf with them in school, which they are able to keep on inside, if they are cold.

Self-Isolation and confirmed cases

We continue to request that you do not send your child into school if they have <u>symptoms</u>, have received a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine). If any child develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, we will ask that a parent/carer collects them as soon as possible and that <u>public health</u> <u>advice</u> is followed.

We strongly encourage parents/carers and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the school, should you be invited on-site.

If your child is unable to attend school due to COVID-19 related matters, please ensure that you email the Junior School Office (<u>isoffice@stdunstans.org.uk</u>) If your child is unable to attend school for reasons outside of COVID-19, please continue to inform the Junior School Office and your child's Form Teacher.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. Remote provision will only be offered to children who have received a positive lateral flow and/or PCR test result.

Events

Lent term events are able to go ahead as normal and we look forward to another busy schedule of activities. We advise that you continue to read the weekly Bulletin on Fridays in order that you are kept fully informed of key information relating to the term ahead and Junior School matters.

Thank you once again for taking the time to digest another set of return to school information! We look forward to welcoming your child back to school next week.

Yours sincerely

Miss L Whitwood

Head of Junior School