Information for parents

2021/21 is still a period of C19 uncertainty and as such we will be assessing and re-assessing our practice as we move through it. As a staff team we will need to do all we can to make the children feel as comfortable as possible while reducing risk – and closing the gap caused by lockdown.

Start Times – To reduce the possibility of parents and pupils congregating together we will use all our entrance and exit points. Parents will be encouraged to observe social distancing, spend as little time as possible on school grounds and not enter the school building.



Entrance and Exit points for September Opening

Health and Safety

We will continue to have limited movement in and around school for the foreseeable future.

What this means is that children will largely stay in their own class bubble – certain restrictions will stay in place. There may be times when a class bubble has to be flexible – eg to allow movement between groups for RWInc, or at lunchtimes where a bubble will be Key Stage based. We will keep the Bubbles as small as we can, wherever we can.

Curriculum

We plan to deliver the full curriculum offer – which means all subjects will be taught, with the exception of French. Gaps in knowledge will need to be identified and addressed.

Music will be taught but there will be no choral singing e.g. no singing in class, class assemblies or after school clubs.

Homework will be online, set through the website and through Oak National.

In the first 2 weeks work will have a well being focus to help children settle in and get back to school routines as quickly as possible. Children will find comfort in routine and as such we need to develop a new normality.

School day times have not changed:

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Year Group and staff	Start and end of the day	Drop off and Collection points
Nursery	8.30am - 11:30 am/ 12:30 -	Dropped off and at the
Miss Gerstmar	3:30 pm	Foundation stage gate.
Mrs Chadwick	(3:30pm for 30 hours pupils	Collection from the Nursey
		doors.
Reception		Dropped off and at the
Mrs Woodhall		Foundation stage gate.
Mrs Smith		Collection from the Nursey
Mrs Hetherington		doors.
Y1		Pinfold Lane entrance,
Miss Morris		collected at the top of the
Mrs Walls		steps. Pick-up from the
Mrs Sykes		Pinfold Gate entrance.
Y2	1	Dropped off at the school
Mrs Parish	8.40am - 3:20pm	playground entry gate.
Miss Birtles		Pick-up from the school
		playground.
Y3	1	Dropped off, and picked up,
Miss Bedford/Mrs Halawin		at the classroom door
Mrs Clark		
Y4		Dropped off, and picked up
Mrs Wood		from the school playground.
Mrs Smith		
Y5	1	Dropped off, and picked up,
Mr Butterwood		at the classroom door
Mrs Arnold		
Y6	1	Dropped off, and picked up,
Miss Neal		at the classroom door
Mrs Buffon		

Mrs Hart will be based with the Key Stage 1 Bubble Miss <u>Betton</u> will be placed with the Key Stage 2 Bubble

Only parents and children of pupils in Y2 and Y4 will be on the playground before school. Children are the responsibility of parents until the point when they are collected by staff. Please arrive promptly, rather than early, and discourage your child(ren) from socialising with children in other year groups. We recognise that this is not normal behaviour but these are not normal times.

We will be operating as 3 mini-schools

School 1 will be for Nursery & Rec pupils.

Base - FS unit

They will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through the FS1 door. Parents will be asked to use a 1 way system to access and leave.

Toilets – FS toilets – alternate cubicles locked to ensure social distancing. Where possible, one child at a time.

School 2 will be for KS1 pupils.

Base – Y1 & Y2 classrooms

Y1 will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through the KS1 door. Parents will be asked to use steps – children to be collected/released at top of steps from/to parents.

Y2 - will be collected from and returned to the playground at beginning and end of the day

Toilets – KS1 toilets. Cubicles designated for Y1 and Y2 to promote social distancing. Where possible one child at a time.

School 3 will be for KS2 pupils.

Base - KS2 classrooms

Y3 will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through their classroom door.

Y4 will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through the KS2 door. Collected from and returned to the playground

Y5 will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through their classroom door.

Y6 will enter and exit (beg and end of day) through their classroom door.

Parents will be asked to leave the children outside the designated door and should adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Toilets – KS2 toilets. Middle cubicle to be locked to promote social distancing. Where possible one child at a time.

Lunch

Lunch times have been staggered.

Lunches will be a 'cold 'option – Reception and KS1 will eat in the hall, KS2 in their own classrooms. Lunch orders will be taken in the morning – it will consist of limited cold options provided by the kitchen. Children must bring their own drinks in a spill proof container.

Children must all stay together – e.g. they do not go outside until all have eaten. Outdoor equipment needs to be minimal and will be cleaned before and after each use.

The Trim Trail and Book Nook are out of bounds.

Parent contact request

If a parent wants to talk to staff they will need to contact the school office and speak over the phone. Parents are not to enter school or come within exclusion zones at mini school doors.

Parents of KS2 children must inform the member of teaching staff if they are walking home without a parent.

If a child becomes ill during the school day

If a child becomes ill their temperature will be taken and the parent will be contacted (we will not be checking everyone's temperature every morning but have purchased a number of thermometers which will be kept in the mini- school staff rooms).

Suspected covid19

If a child is suspected of covid19 symptoms:

Member of staff in full PPE (addition of apron and gloves) will test the child's temperature with thermometer.

The child will be removed to a separate room, a staff member in full PPE will stay with the child at an increased social distance until the parent arrives and takes child. We will handle this as sensitively as possible to reduce the child's concerns.

Testing will be organised using test and trace, the mini-school bubble will continue, however, if the test comes back as positive the mini school Bubble will be asked to return to Home Learning for a time, following guidance/instruction from Public Health England. We will continue to use the Oak National site and our own class specific home learning to ensure planned work is available to pupils.

We may also introduce Zoom lessons during this period.

Afterschool/Breakfast club

These will begin but will be in enlarged Key Stage Bubbles. Provision will be reviewed throughout the Autumn Term. There are no plans to restart the smAll Saints Parent and Toddler club in Autumn 1.

Assemblies & Trips

Daily assembly time will take part as part of the 'well-being' time, this will be in class, not in the hall. There will be no large assemblies, special assemblies etc throughout the Autumn Term. This includes Remembrance, Harvest and Christmas assemblies/performances.

No trips are to be planned for the Autumn Term.

H&S

Classrooms will have windows open to maximise ventilation, outdoor learning is encouraged away from other groups, children will wash their hands regularly and items/resources will be cleaned throughout the school day.

Our cleaners will provide deep cleans throughout the week and will focus on areas including toilets and pinch points e.g. handles, key pads, doors etc.

Children will wash their hands on arrival to school for 20 seconds and frequently throughout the day. Government guidance remains the same i.e. that this is a very powerful tool in preventing the spread of the disease. Children will also use the hand sanitiser machines around school. Children will have their own resources and this will also apply to staff.

Wherever possible, children are to use the toilets one at a time – including breaks and lunchtimes.

Directional arrows, 2 m markings and out of bounds exclusion zones will be marked in the corridors and outside the entry/exit points of the school. Internal 2m/directional arrows will be marked in high visibility tape.

Soaper Hero posters are provided for each mini school and need to be referred to throughout the day to encourage hand washing and hygiene.

<u>PPE</u>

It is not recommended that children wear a face mask although if they choose to do so they may. Staff will wear PPE_at all times (unless 2m away at times such as Lunch etc) This is to protect other staff and children and also to protect themselves from airborne virus particles caused by coughs and sneezes.

Masks protect others from us, visors protect us from others. This will continue at least in line with Government advice that masks/visors need to be worn in public places.

Full PPE (mask, visor, gloves and apron) will be worn when providing First Aid or intimate care.

Teaching and Learning

Each classroom will have a resource book, outdoor equipment box and reading book box.

Shared resources, such as iPads, will need to be cleaned after use.

PE – wherever possible PE will be outdoors and will avoid physical contact.

Classrooms will not have soft furnishings, will be ventilated and classroom doors kept open.

Classroom organisation

Y2-Y6 pupils will sit in forward facing designated seats and movement around the classroom will be limited.

Y1 will limit continuous provision, Reception and Nursery will monitor free flow.

All fabrics, soft furnishings need to be removed

Children will have individual packs of resources and reading book(s) from the Bubble Book Box

Resources will be routinely cleaned after use

Windows and doors (not fire doors) will be open to encourage ventilation. Air con will be set to fresh air or switched off

Shared resources such as lego, art/craft materials will not be used

Physical contact with a child

Union guidance states 'avoid, so far as possible physical contact with children and find alternative means to comfort children. As far as possible, avoid games and activities that lead to physical contact between children and do not take home any work completed by children'.

Clothing

Normal uniform is to be worn.

Mobile phones

Y6 children will need to turn their phones off and keep them in their coat/bag

We thank you for your support at this time. As you will be aware from the news, there is still considerable uncertainty around the re-opening of schools and Government advice has been ever changing. This has meant that our communication with you has been much later than we would have liked, but we didn't want to send conflicting advice.

Please let me reassure you that, as a school, we will do everything in our power to keep the children, families and staff of All Saints Academy as safe as possible, to minimise risk, to address worries, gaps in learning caused by the lockdown and to move forward as quickly and as safely possible. All the procedures outlined above will be under constant review throughout the Autumn Term and are liable to change in response to the prevalence of C19 in school, the locality or nationally.

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