



Frequently Asked Questions

Which children will return to school?

All children will be returning to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

I don't feel comfortable about sending my child to school. Do they have to attend?

Yes. Attendance is mandatory again from September 2020 and our usual attendance management procedures will apply.

The guidance states: "In March, when the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak was increasing, we made clear no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school. Now the circumstances have changed" and parents may be issued sanctions from September, including fines.

The guidance adds: "Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1 August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus. This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can also return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding."

However, "A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves; or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus." Medical confirmation of this will be required.

Will I be fined if I keep my children at home?

If you do not send your child to school, you may be fined from September.

How will St Anne's limit the risk of infection for my child?

We have put in place a comprehensive programme of measures to limit the risk to our staff and our children. The risk assessment is available for you to see on our website.

Due to the age of the children who will be returning, social distancing will be a challenge. The government have suggested;

- Classes stay together consistently throughout the day and form their own bubble
- re-arranging the classrooms - ensuring desks are spaced out as far as possible and all unnecessary furniture is removed
- limiting mixing - children will stay in their groups (bubbles) and will be assigned specific staff members
- staggered timetables - limiting the number of children on lunch and breaks at one time and longer time frames to pick up and drop off times
- minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
- cleaning hands more often than usual - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, using alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as disinfectant

Do the children need to wear their uniform?

Yes. Full school uniform is required. Wearing a clean uniform every day is really important, just in case there are any germs on your child's clothes when they go home.

- No nail varnish. No Jewellery.
- Sensible black school shoes, plain grey socks or tights and a smart school haircut will get us off on the right foot! Please purchase your child's uniform from www.myschoolstyle.com

Does my child need a PE kit?

Yes. Although we will not be playing contact sports, your child's fitness, health and well-being is really important and they will still be involved in fitness activities.

PE?

- We will assign School PE equipment to each bubble which will be washed on a regular basis
- All PE activities will be undertaken at a safe distance from others

Does my child need a Reading Folder?

No. We will not be sending reading books home. All reading books will be allocated to your child via our new online reading platform that we have invested in. More details to follow.

Where do we go to drop off and collect the children?

These arrangements are outlined below and have been included in the information shared with each class group before we finished for the summer.

A map showing the route for each year group can be found on the website.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entrance
Reception	8.45am	3.05pm	Class door via Prayer Garden
Year 1	8.45 am	3.05pm	Class door via playground
Year 2	8.50 am	3.10pm	Class door via playground
Year 3	9.05 am	3.25pm	Class door via playground
Year 4	9.10am	3.30pm	Class door via playground
Year 5	9.00am	3.20pm	Class door via car park
Year 6	9.00 am	3.20pm	Class door via Prayer Garden

Where do we put bicycles or scooters?

The Bicycle Shelter remains in use.

How will I drop off and collect my child?

Only one parent/ adult can accompany your child on and off the site. Please do not arrive any earlier than is necessary to avoid groups gathering on site and you must leave immediately.

Drop and go! You must not use the staff car park unless you hold a valid disabled parking permit. If you have a parking permit then please buzz the office on the intercom system and we will let you in.

Please follow all site signage.

Please follow your designated route.

There is additional information on our website which will show you what to expect and the routes to take.

Please arrive on time. If you are late, it is likely the gates will be locked and you will need to call the school number on 01270 685353 to gain access as no parents/ visitors are permitted in the office area.

Should my child wear a face covering, mask or other PPE?

Government guidance presently states, "Wearing a face covering or face mask in schools or other education settings is not recommended"

Your child should only wear a mask to school if we have medical confirmation in writing from a Doctor.

Will staff need to wear PPE?

Staff will only wear PPE when;

- a child whose care routinely already involves the use of PPE due to their intimate care needs.
- a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school and needs direct personal care until they can return home.
- A face mask should be worn by the supervising adult if a distance of 2

- metres cannot be maintained. If contact with the child or young person is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a face mask should be worn by the supervising adult. If a risk assessment determines that there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing, spitting, or vomiting, then eye protection should also be worn.

What is the policy on adults in school wearing a face covering?

Our staff will only be covering their face if they need to work closely with a child – for example when they come close in to a child to mark individual work, share a book etc. Staff will also be issued with clear visors to support teaching and learning tasks, enabling the children to see faces clearly.

These arrangements are designed to keep your child and our staff safe. For the most part, the distancing between desks and the other infection control methods and practicalities we have introduced, we are guided to believe will be sufficient.

Will there be COVID-19 testing and contact tracing in education and childcare settings?

Testing is already available for all school staff and their household members. Now all children are returning to school, all children and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

To access testing parents should use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over. They should call 111 if the child is under 5. This will enable your child to get back to school, and parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative.

In the event of a child or member of staff testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), the relevant group of people within the school with whom the child has mixed closely with (their bubble), will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local Health Protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise our school and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.

Usually someone else collects my child from school as I have to go into work, can someone from another household collect my child?

Government guidance would only allow someone to pick up a child from another household if a 2m distance is kept between them.

Is the Office open?

No. The office is closed to visitors until further notice. Please contact a member of the admin team either by telephone 01270 685353 or email office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk

If an arrangement has been made for you to visit school, please contact the school office who will give you directions regarding how to access the building over the phone prior to your arrival.

How do I pay for things?

No direct cash payments will be taken for the foreseeable future. All payments must be made on line. A member of the office team will be able to advise you if you are unfamiliar with our on line payment system, School Monsey.

What are the arrangements for Lunch?

- All lunches will be packed lunches for all pupils for the foreseeable future.
- Lunches will be eaten in class/ bubble bases.
- If in receipt of Free School Meals, your child will be provided with a packed lunch
- If your child is bringing their own packed lunch from home, please ensure all cartons and utensils are disposable or re-usable, and your child is able to open and access all the wrapping and seals without the need for adult help
- Lunchboxes will need to be washed in hot soapy water every night
- Pupils will need to bring their own individual named water bottle – washed thoroughly and re-filled with fresh water daily
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Will my child get a hot meal or a packed lunch?

To keep movement around the site to a minimum and to reduce the contact required for serving food, we be operating a finger food provision for everyone. The menu will include both hot and cold options. The menu will be available on the website.

To limit the contact between adults and pupils, lunch and snacks need to be accessible to the children without the need for adult interaction. Children need to be able to open their own wrappers, cartons etc. It would be a great help if all food is wrapped up so everything can be disposed of or containers are used that can be washed and re-filled the following day.

We will keep you informed of any changes to lunch time arrangements, although this is unlikely to change in the short term.

What should I do if I think I might be eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please telephone 0300 123 5012. An immediate decision will be given over the phone. Free school meals are not back dated, and so any meals taken before children are officially added to the register will have to be paid for. An application must be made for each individual child even if you already have an older child in receipt of Free School Meals

Will my child be taught by their usual teacher?

All children will have a new Class Teacher as they move up a year group on their return. We issued a full staffing list and details of your child's new teacher in July.

What are the practical things I need to know about infection control?

- Best possible hygiene practices will be in place for everyone in school
- Your child will need their own small pack of tissues.
- High standards in hand hygiene for everyone will be a key factor in keeping everyone safe
- Pupils and staff will be washing/ sanitising their hands on entering the building, before and after eating and at given points throughout the day
- Staff will be washing their hands after handling pupil books/ resources

- Good levels of personal hygiene will need to be observed by all pupils i.e. toilets, flushing, handwashing, cleanliness
- Cleaning regimes and patterns will change including frequently touched surfaces, equipment, door handles, toilets
- Soap and water will be available along with non-alcohol based hand sanitiser.
- Staff will be observing 'social distancing' including lunch and break times
- Soft furnishings and soft toys have been removed from the working environment

We will be unable to;

- Sing
- have assembly
- share many of our resources
- gather other than with the children in the designated 'bubble'

What happens if my child is unwell?

If your child displays any of the known COVID 19 symptoms they must not attend school and you must inform us of the outcome of any positive test to enable us to instruct the remaining members of the bubble to isolate for 14 days.

Home Learning materials will be available for pupils who are required to self-isolate

If your child is unwell with anything other than COVID 19, please follow our usual attendance procedures

We have added an addendum onto our medication policy and staff will not be able to administer anti-biotics during the covid-19 pandemic. Your child will need to stay at home until they have completed the course. Staff are permitted to administer asthma inhalers.

Will the pupils be going on trips & visits?

- Trips will be limited to day visits for the immediate future.
- Government guidance confirms that residential visits will not take place during the autumn term. We have therefore rescheduled our existing

residential visits and staff will share information with you in the Autumn Term

How will social distancing work for the pupils?

- Movement around the school will be limited and in some cases one-way.
- Pupils will rarely be lining up
- To minimise contact between pupils, pupils will remain together in designated 'bubbles' – small consistent groups
- There will be clear systems in operation around the school if anyone from the 'bubble' group needs to move from their base
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be taken in the designated limited bubble group – there will be no contact or coming together with any other pupils and breaks and lunch times maybe at different times for us to be able to achieve this
- Bubbles will have designated play zones which they will have to stay in
- Pupils will have the opportunity to learn outside, weather permitting!
- All pupils will be expected to fully comply with all our guidelines and behaviour expectations. If they are unable to do so and therefore risk the health, safety and wellbeing of others, parents will be contacted and asked to collect them. If pupils cannot abide by the rules, nobody is safe.
- We will continue to use the class-dojō system
- A Home-School behaviour agreement will be issued so all parents are clear of the expectations to keep everyone safe.

What are the arrangements and expectations for parents on site?

- Times of arrival and departure to and from school have been extended to minimise contact with other pupils and stop adults gathering on site. There will be designated entry and exit points for drop off and collection
- Please follow the designated route for your child's class
- One parent/ adult only to bring and collect
- 'Drop and go' system in operation – parents/ carers will not be permitted to stay or gather on site
- All conversations with staff will need to be pre-arranged/ prebooked and will be by telephone or email. We must limit face to face interaction wherever possible
- No direct cash payments
- The office area of school is closed to visitors until further notice. Contact is to be made by telephone or email

What will pupils need to know and do?

- Pupils will be expected to observe 'catch it, bin, it, kill it' routines with tissues, which will be available in all areas.
- Pupils are asked to bring their own tissues to keep on their desk.
- Pupils will be expected to follow the rules and expectations
- Pupils will be encouraged to help staff in the end of day clean-down of surfaces i.e. their own chair and desk and any equipment they have been using
- Pupils must avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth as these are the mucus areas where the virus attaches
- Pupils are expected to wear their full school uniform from September.
- Every item of clothing must be washed regularly to limit the virus being transferred from school to home and from home to school.
- Pupils will have their own individual resources which are kept in school.
- Pupils will be sitting apart, spaced out in rows with space in between where possible (exam style) facing the front where possible (Y2 – Y6)
- Access to equipment will be limited
- Computing resources will be sanitised between use
- Resources that are not easily washable or wipe able will be limited, quarantined or removed