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Re: Autumn Term opening update and arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am very pleased to confirm that we will be fully open for all children in the Autumn term, starting on Wednesday 26th August. This follows a government announcement this week that all schools will reopen in September.

Furthermore, the government has confirmed that school attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. This means that the legal duty on all parents and carers to send their child or children to school regularly will apply.

The government have been very clear that returning to school is vital for children's education and their well-being. We have seen clear evidence of this at All Saints, with the children who have already returned thoroughly enjoying being back in school with their friends and enjoying the normality and structure that school provides.

The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why we continue to put in place the measures we have successfully implemented over the last three months.

The government has provided guidance for parent and carers at if you wish to read it in full:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Please find attached to this letter:

Guidance for parents and carers for all children returning to All Saints in the Autumn term

As always please contact us before the end of this week if you have any questions or concerns regarding the reopening of school.

If you have questions that may arise over the summer holidays please email: office@allsaints-coalville.leics.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible, but please note there will be no response before the 5th August and emails may take up to five days to respond to.

Thank you for all your ongoing support in this challenging time. I hope you can all enjoy some time off over the school summer holidays and we very much look forward to seeing you all back safe and well on Wednesday 26th August.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher



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Guidance for parents and carers for all children returning to All Saints in the Autumn Term



This guidance follows the government announcement on Thursday 2nd July confirming the plan that all children in all year groups return to school full time from the beginning of the Autumn Term.

Does my child have to go back to school?

The government has confirmed that school attendance will again be mandatory from the beginning of the new academic year. This means that the legal duty on all parents and carers to send their child or children to school regularly will apply. We will send all parents a copy of the All Saints Attendance Policy in September, so all parents are clear as to our expectations around attendance.

What if I still have serious health concerns for myself or my child?

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 (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school or college for this reason, you should talk to your school or college about what support is in place in terms of remote education.

Shielding advice for all adults and children will pause on 1st August, subject to a continued decline in the rates of community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). This means, that 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. See the [guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable](#) for the current advice.

How can we all ensure All Saints is as safe as possible for our children?

We carried out a comprehensive risk assessment before children came back on 1st June, this has been very carefully implemented by all staff and supported by parents and children. We continue to review this daily and will complete a comprehensive review of our risk measures over the summer to ensure all appropriate measures are in place for the Autumn term.

As part of this, there are certain approaches that the government has asked us to implement which have been essential to reducing health risks. Parents and carers can support this by:

- ensuring that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, does not attend school or college - this means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you should not send them to school or college
- engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform your school or college of the results of that test

Alongside this, the government has asked us, and we will continue to ensure that we are:

- managing confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days by their school or college (based on advice from their local health protection teams) if they have been in close, face-to-face contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus
- ensuring that children stay within their year group bubble means that in the event of a confirmed case in school we would not need to close the whole school, just manage the case within the identified bubble.
- ensuring everyone at the school cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating - this can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- minimising contact and maintaining distance, as far as possible - at All Saints we have ensured that children are kept in class bubbles and children are continually reminded of social distances as appropriate to their age.

Breakfast with a book (before school club starting at 8.00 am)

Our before school club will continue, however we will be making the following changes for the Autumn Term

- **Parents and carers must book a week in advance by text or email with the school office, this must be done by Wednesday for the following week.**
- **All bookings must be paid for in advance, if for any reason your child does not attend the money will be held as payment for future bookings.**
- You can book for every week of the half term and do not need to book each week unless the days your child or children wish to attend changes on a weekly basis.
- The hall will be arranged so there is a table for each year group to enable us to maintain our year group 'bubbles'.

After School Clubs

We have decided not to run any after school clubs for the first half term with the exception of the catch up sessions as outlined below. We cannot at this stage join children from different year groups into activities, we also feel at this stage we want to prioritise embedding our new arrangements before we extend provision. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to parents.

Catch Up Sessions - After School starting Tuesday 1st September

For the first half term all classes in Years 1 – 6 will be running after school sessions once a week. This is free and is intended to provide every child with the opportunity to do some extra learning around any area of the curriculum the teacher, your child or you as a parent feel they have missed out on during lockdown. This will also be an opportunity to go over any work from that week that children need more support or more challenge with. It is not compulsory, but will be learning focussed to support every child with their learning. Collection is as normal from the playground.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 Koalas	Year 5 Kangaroos	Year 6
Mrs Reading	Mr Horton	Miss Watkins	Miss Wren	Miss Harcourt	Mrs Green	Mr Coleman
Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
3.00 - 4.00pm	3.20 - 4.20pm	3.20 - 4.20pm	3.00 - 4.00pm	3.10 - 4.10pm	3.10pm - 4.10pm	3.10 - 4.10pm

Residential Trips

At this stage we plan to go ahead with the Condover Hall residential trip in the Spring Term and will be in contact with the company who we are working with. If for any reason this does not go ahead we will provide a full refund to all parents or carers involved.

School Trips

We very much hope to continue to provide opportunities for all our children to go on trips and visits. These are permitted within the Government Guidelines, however we must keep year groups apart and all trips would be risk assessed as normal before going ahead. We will update parents of any planned trips in the Autumn Term.

Playtimes

Children will continue to have playtimes as normal in the mornings. These will be staggered to limit the number of children in the toilets at one time and to enable the children to have more space to social distance and keep well apart from other bubbles on the playground. Each bubble will have a designated area for each playtime.

Lunchtimes

Children will continue to have lunchtime as normal; these will be staggered slightly for the reasons outlined above and there will be clear zones for children to play in and to ensure bubbles are separate.

School Dinners

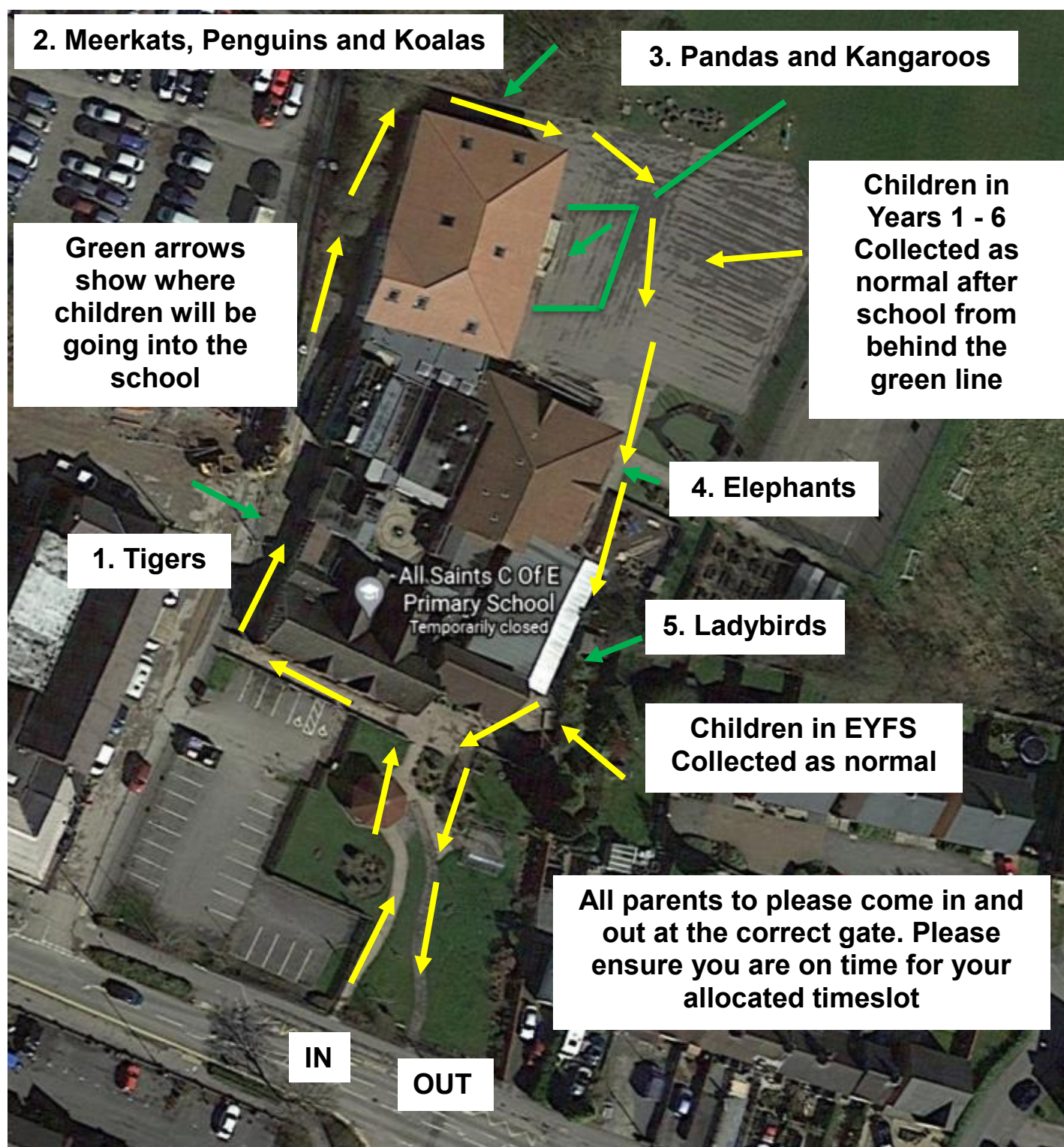
We will be reopening the school kitchen and hot dinners will be provided as normal. This will mean that all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a hot dinner. Hot dinners will be available for all other children who choose to have one. Children having sandwiches will eat outside for as long as it is safe, and the weather is appropriate for us to do so. This will reduce numbers in the hall and enable us to ensure we maintain our year group bubbles.

Start and finish times

We will continue to stagger the start and finish times to reduce the number of parents and children on site at any one time. We will also continue to maintain our one-way system, which means that all parents must walk all the way around school when they are collecting or dropping off their child.

If you are dropping off more than child please drop off and collect at the earlier time: for example if you have a child in Year 1 **Elephants** and a child in EYFS, you would drop them both off at 8.30am and collect them both at 3.00pm, unless you have a child in year 5 or 6 who it has been agreed they will walk to school by themselves.

Drop-off at school			Collection from school		
Class	Time	Entrance	Class	Time	Collection point
Year 1 Elephants	8:30am	4	Year 1 Elephants	3:00pm	Playground
Year 4 Meerkats		2	Year 4 Meerkats		Playground
Year 4/5 Koalas	8:40am	2	Year 4/5 Koalas	3:10pm	Playground
Year 4 /5 Kangaroos		3	Year 4/5 Kangaroos		Playground
Year 6 Tigers		1	Year 6 Tigers		Playground
Year 3 Penguins	8:50am	2	Year 3 Penguins	3:20pm	Playground
Year 2 Pandas		3	Year 2 Pandas		Playground
EYFS Ladybirds	9:00am	5	EYFS Ladybirds	3:30pm	5 EYFS Playground



Meeting with teachers

I will be available on the playground and around the outside of school most mornings and Mr Coleman will be available most days after school to talk informally with parents. If you have questions or need a chat with teachers, I would be grateful if you could do this through the Class Dojo or via email or text to the school office. Whilst I am very keen to keep all lines of communication open, I would like to limit the amount of face to face contact on the playground when children are being dropped off or collected in the morning. This can cause congestion and delays for parents and children using the one-way system. If you would like a meeting with myself or Mr Coleman, this can of course be arranged, but again we are trying to limit the number of parents and visitors coming into school at this time and we will happily call you back if we can help you over the phone.

School Reception

Please contact the school via email, text or phone call if possible with any questions or queries as it will limit the number of people coming into school, however the school reception is open as normal with a line for parents and visitors to stand behind.

Bringing items into and home from school

New guidance enables schools to send reading books home and for these to come back into school daily. However, children cannot bring other items into school such as cuddly toys or games.

School Uniform

Our school uniform will be as normal again in the Autumn Term and this is on our school website. Please ensure all children return to school in plain black school shoes and not trainers, which they have been allowed to wear this term. **A reminder that we are changing the school polo shirt to white, however yellow shirts are fine up to October Half Term after which all children will be expected to be wearing white polo shirts or shirts.**

Hand sanitiser

Please do not allow your child to bring hand sanitiser into school. As per government and public health England guidance, the most effective way of keeping hands clean is to wash them with soap and water. We have sinks and soap in every classroom for children to do this. We have hand sanitiser available in reception for all visitors to school.

Further information

If you have any other questions or would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

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