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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was so exciting to be welcoming more families back today. We have doubled the number of children we are now teaching in school and are very close to being full.

Because we have had many more children join us we are now almost full, have added more bubbles and are now using all of our classrooms:

Bubble 1: based in Reception Class Room, taught by Ms Wilson and Ms Awo (all Reception children)

Bubble 2: based in Class 1. Taught by Ms Page and Ms James (all Reception children – we will be converting the outside quiet area into an additional outside space specifically for this bubble).

Bubble 3: based in Class 2. Taught by Miss Rollo and Miss Sarah (this is a mix of Year 1 and Year 2 children)

Bubble 4: based in in Class 3. Taught by Ms Bell, Ms Gilbert and Ms Aida (all Year 3 children).

Bubble 5: based in Class 4. Taught by Ms Davidson and Mrs Corrigan (this is a mix of Year 3 and year 4 children).

Bubble 6: based in Class 5. Taught by Ms Kukiewicz and Mrs Court (this is a mix of Year 5 and Year 6 children).

Bubble 7: based in Class 6. Taught by Mr Nunn and Mr Tom (all Year 6 children).

A reminder for children joining us this week: our finish times are different this term. Whilst we continue to start at 9am, finish times are 3pm Monday – Thursday and 1.45pm on Fridays.

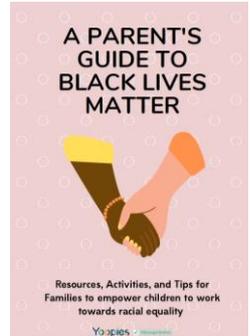


We have made some changes within the school building. Much furniture has been removed including any soft furnishings and chairs with fabric on, last week we also had a protective screen fitted in the office area. We are continuing to encourage social distancing amongst the children, but because this is not always possible, the children are remaining in their bubbles all day. They only play and have lunch with the children in their own bubbles and so do not mix with others. Our staff team are being incredibly careful, ensuring that they are not visiting other classrooms and

bubbles (unless there is an exceptional circumstance) and only the bubble teacher and TA look after their group at lunch time and playtimes. To minimise contact with those outside of the school, staff are also avoiding where possible visiting local shops during school hours and staff are trying where possible to avoid public transport, to the extent that some are walking and cycling considerable distances. With these and many other measures, we are working very hard to ensure the safety of all of our community with in school.



Whilst lockdown measures are being slowly relaxed it is very tempting to return to normal now. This is completely understandable, however, I would politely request that parents also support our measures by following the current government guidance on social distancing out of school and at weekends. For example, please avoid public transport if you can, do not invite other children to your house for playdates or parties – whilst this is absolutely fine outside and to meet outside is ‘okayed’ by the government, current government advise is that families should still **not have people from other households inside your home**, unless you are allowing **one** single adult or a or **one**, one parent family (ie one parent and their child/ren) to join your family as a ‘support bubble’. If you are allowing your children to go outside and play with and mix with others, please do encourage them to socially distance, to wash their hands regularly and to try and limit the number of other children they mix with. This will help us to also minimise risk with in our community and within our school. If you are unsure of what we still can and cannot do in the UK, full guidance can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-and-safe-social-distancing



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Black Lives Matter

It is vital that children are empowered to work towards racial equality. On our website, in the newsletter section, we have a useful booklet for parents on very important issue. The booklet is there to help parents to answer any questions children may have or to help with discussions.

[\(www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/our-newsletters/\)](http://www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk/our-newsletters/)



Water bottles

It's going to get much hotter this week, please provide your child with a water bottle each day. Children need to remember to take heir bottles home with them to be washed at the end of each day.

School places for the remainder of the term

Updated government guidance was published on 15th June when we were finalising our new admissions for Key worker, vulnerable children and those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, for this term. The government have advised that schools should not rota classes this term if they cannot fit everyone in and they have advised that if parents say ‘no’ to a place now, and the school has reached capacity (so are full) then the child will not be able to return for the remainder of the term should parents change their minds, unless the child falls into the vulnerable category. **In light of this, as the guidance advises against classes taking it in turns to be in school and because we are now very nearly full, we will not be able to accept more children from 5th July as we originally planned.**

Do you have Covid symptoms?

Please see below. We have been asked to advertise the following:



Protocol for responding to a suspected case of Covid19

In the event that school has a suspected case of Covid 19 we will do the following:

- Anyone who begins to display coronavirus symptoms (temperature, dry cough, loss of taste or smell) while in the setting should be sent home immediately and follow government guidelines on [what to do if you or someone in your household develops symptoms](#). (Immediately self isolate for at least 7 days, do not go out, do not go to the GP, hospital or pharmacy. Follow guidance on [testing to arrange this](#).)
- If a child is waiting to be collected, they should be separated from their group and isolated with one member of staff if this is possible. (Children will be isolated in the finance office located next to The Office)
- As an extra precaution, any child showing any sign of illness will be sent home.
- For staff, a facemask should be worn if a distance of 2 meters cannot be maintained from a child who is symptomatic and awaiting collection and if contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn.
- If a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing or spitting, then eye protection should also be worn. (Staff have their own personal visor).
- Once the child or member of staff has left the setting, settings should follow [Cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#) to ensure areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.
- Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all staff and children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).
- **Negative:** Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- **Positive:** If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their immediate group (or bubble) within their school should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- **The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.**
- **Staff absences with specific roles:**
 - **DSL:** designated safeguarding leads have been timetabled so there will always be at least one DSL on premises
 - **First Aid:** all TAs and teachers are first aid trained
 - **Pediatric first aid:** there will always be a pediatric first aider on site
 - **SENCO:** in our SENCO's absence the Headteacher will deputise
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger group may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, **closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings#Section4>

I hope all of our families and staff continue to stay safe,

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher