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## Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

*Excellence with Compassion*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is your opportunity to discuss your child's reports with your child's class teacher. Phone appointments can be made for 3.10pm, 3.20pm, 3.30pm, 3.40pm or 3.50pm from today until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. **These are not like normal parents' evenings**, but are just for the purpose of discussing reports, should you want to. Sadly due to the current situation, we are not able to provide a normal parents evening.

This year we are saying goodbye to Ms Rollo, Ms Kukiewicz and Miss Aida. Mrs Wotherspoon will also not be returning from maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of their hard work over the past few years and for all they have done for the children of St Gabriel's. They all will be very much missed!

And in September we will be welcoming many new members of staff. Ms Suzzannah Cooper, Mr Michael Vanes and Ms Jade O'Brien will be joining our team as class teachers.

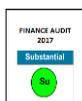
Below are the class teachers for next year:

Reception Class	Ms Rose Wilson
Class 1	Ms Suzannah Cooper
Class 2	Ms Elise Page
Class 3	Mr Michael Vanes
Class 4	Ms Jade O'Brien
Class 5	Ms Samantha Davidson
Class 6	Mr Mark Nunn and Ms Sonia Bell
SENCo	Ms Hannah Gilbert

### Schools Welcoming Back All Children From September 2020

We are looking forward to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September when we can welcome back all St Gabriel's pupils.

We understand that some parents may still have concerns around safety and the potential risks associated with Covid 19. The government has assured schools that the risk has decreased



considerably and 'where schools apply the full measures in (the DfE) guidance the risks will be mitigated significantly, including those who are extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable.'

Because of this, the Government also expects all children back to school, and in their return to school guidance have stated:

### ***Pupils who are shielding or self-isolating***

*We now know much more about coronavirus (COVID-19) and so in future there will be far fewer children and young people advised to shield whenever community transmission rates are high. Therefore, the majority of pupils will be able to return to school. You should note however that:*

- *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)*
- *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 (COVID-19). 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. Read the [current advice on shielding](#)*
- *if rates of the disease rise in local areas, children (or family members) from that area, and that area only, will be advised to shield during the period where rates remain high and therefore they may be temporarily absent (see below).*
- *some pupils no longer required to shield but who generally remain under the care of a specialist health professional may need to discuss their care with their health professional before returning to school (usually at their next planned clinical appointment). You can find more advice from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health at [COVID-19 - 'shielding' guidance for children and young people](#).*

*Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we expect schools to be able to immediately offer them access to remote education. Schools should monitor engagement with this activity.*

*Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised.*

*It then specifies that where there are:*

***Pupils and families who are anxious about return to school. All other pupils must attend school.***

The safety measures we will have in place in September will be very similar to those we are already following. Including such measures as:

- Children organised into 'bubbles' that do not mix: Children will be organised into class sized bubbles of up to 30 children.
- Bubbles will have their own playtimes, lunch times and we will stagger the leaving times so that families do not get too close to one another at home time
- Children will use their own resources and will be given a pencil case and other stationary items to be kept in school.
- From September children will be able to bring a bag containing their PE kit and drink only
- Parents will not be able to come into the playgorund and can only enter school by appointment
- Unlike the summer term, we would like all children to wear full school uniform. However, we would encourage parents to ensure children change out of their uniform when they get home and to still wash their child's school clothes daily, or ensure that children are coming to school in fresh uniform every day.
- Collective worship/assemblies will continue in the classrooms
- There will be no school trips organised for the autumn term unless they are within a short walk of school and do not involve any contact with members of the public
- There (sadly) will be no residential trips, therefore Year 6's trip to Sayers Croft will not happen in the Autumn Term – we are currently looking at booking an alternative date later in the year.

- We will continue to not have any visitors in school unless absolutely necessary
- Regular handwashing will continue to be taught and encouraged
- Children getting too close or touching one another will be discouraged
- Adults will be encouraged to remain 1m+ away from others as much as possible. Where this is not possible a face mask may be worn and adults will attempt to spend no longer than 15 minutes next to others
- Shared equipment (such as PE equipment, computers) will be regularly disinfected
- The school day will return to normal hours 9- 3.30 every day, but classes leaving will be staggered
- We will have a contingency plan in place to enable children to continue learning from home should we go into a local lockdown.

### End of term finish date

Further to last week's newsletter, our finish date for **children currently in school is this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 6 their last day will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. This includes vulnerable and Key worker children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, if your child is in Yr 2 or Yr 3 they are welcome to come into school for the day. Parents were asked to notify us last week if they wanted their child to attend. If you have not confirmed and said 'yes' to your child coming in, you have missed the deadline. Please do not turn up on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> as you will be turned away. We have to follow a risk assessment, plan for timetabling and bubbles and so cannot accept children who turn up without us knowing in advance. **If your child is in Yr 2 or 3 and they are currently in school because they fall into the key worker or vulnerable group, they are also welcome to come back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

We will repeat this for children in Yr4 and Yr5 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. **Similarly if your child is in Yr 4 or Yr5 and currently in school because they are in the vulnerable or key worker group, they are also welcome to return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July..** Children **will not have to come to school in their school uniform**, and will need to bring a bottle of water and fruit with them. If your child is normally school dinners, we will ensure a school dinner is provided for them. If they are packed lunch, they can bring their packed lunch in as normal. Each year group will be arranged into 2 bubbles and will spend some time with their current teacher and some time with their new teacher for September. Attendance is not compulsory, but we would love to see as many children as possible!

### Year 6 Leaving Ceremony

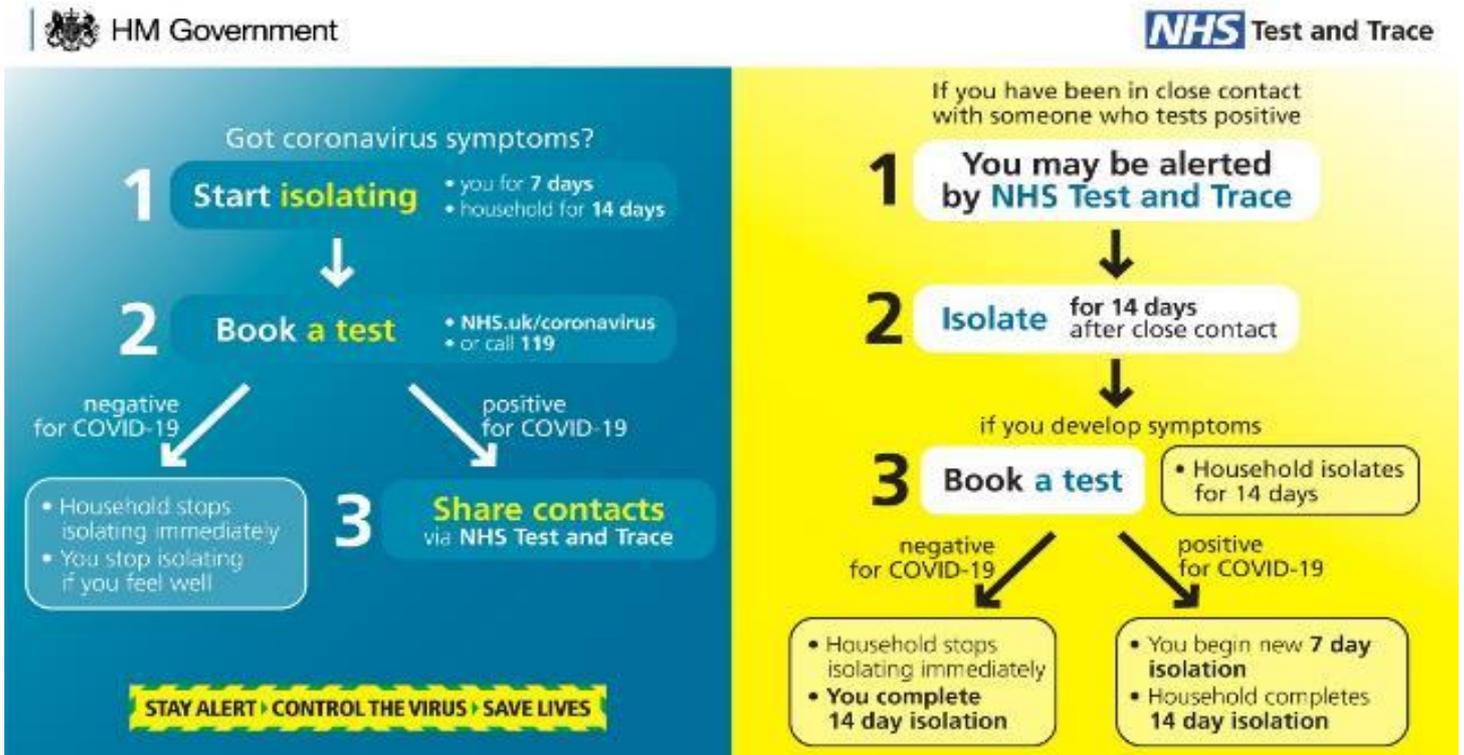
We look forward to seeing our Year 6 children for our leavers ceremony on Friday afternoon. We will have social distancing measures in place, including hand sanitizer for use on entry to the playground and thermometers to take visitor's temperatures. The forecast so far is looking good for Friday, so let's all keep our fingers crossed that it stays sunny and we can say a proper farewell to our Year 6's.

### Key End of Term Dates:

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** final day for all of those children currently at school – finishing at 1.45pm
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** remaining Yr 6 who have not returned yet, may return for the day – they will be in their own separate bubble. This is not compulsory.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>:** 2.30pm mini prize day/leaving ceremony in the playground for Year 6 children only and 1 parent.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup>:** Yr 2 and Yr 3 invited in, both classes split into 2 bubbles with 2 separate teachers who swap half way through so that all children spend some time with their current teacher
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## Do you have Covid symptoms?

Please see below. We have been asked to advertise the following government advice. It is vital that these steps are followed for yourself or your child, not just for your and their health, but for the health of others in our school and community.



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

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher