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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Leavers Ceremony

The weather was very kind to us and it was lovely to see so many of our Year 6 children return on Friday afternoon for our leavers ceremony.

Schools Welcoming Back All Children From September 2020

Further to last week's newsletter, we are looking forward to Thursday 3rd 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 for those who are extremely clinically vulnerable and clinically vulnerable.'*

Because of this, the Government also expects all children back to 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:

- No one will be allowed to enter school if they have any symptoms of Covid 19
- If any member of our school has any of the 3 symptoms (dry cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell), in line with government guidance it is vital that they go home, stay at home and they must order a test immediately. Regardless of how severe, or how minimal those symptoms are or whether or not you believe your child to have Covid 19.
- Gates will open at 8.50 and children will go straight up to class.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enter (and leave) through the Balckstone Gate, siblings of children in these classes can also enter and leave through this gate.
- Year 3,4,5,6 will enter through the Churchill Gardens Road Gate.
- Children will be 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.
- To avoid too many people round the gates, we would encourage only 1 parent/carer to drop off and collect each child
- Reception Class and their siblings will leave at 3pm
- Class 1 and their siblings will leave at 3.10pm via the Balckstone Gate and Class 3 will leave at 3.10pm via the Churchill Gardens gate
- Class 2 and Class 4 will leave at 3.20pm



- Class 5 and 6 will leave at 3.30pm
- 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 bottle of water only
- Parents will not be able to come into the playground 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 are still awaiting updated guidance on swimming for Class 3 – whilst it is looking doubtful at the moment, a decision will be made on this nearer the time.
- We will continue to not have any visitors in school unless absolutely necessary and if so, social distancing measures will be adhered to.
- 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
- We will have a contingency plan in place to enable children to continue learning from home should we go into a local lockdown.

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 would like to wish all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on 3rd September.

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher