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Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer holiday, it is truly fantastic to see St Gabriel's open to all of our children today. Further to my letter last week, I would like to stress the information below:

It is vitally important for our children's future that after so many missed months of face to face education, they return to school. The government have said that it is now compulsory for all pupils to attend school however, parents and carers are following clinical or public health advice, for example, self-isolation or family isolation, the absence will not be penalised. Pupils who should now be coming to school include children who have themselves been shielding previously but have been advised that this is no longer necessary.

At St Gabriel's we are putting many measures in place to reduce the risk from Covid 19 to our pupils and general community. We have a short video on the front page of our website ([www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stgabrielsprimary.co.uk)) giving you a bit more information on these first few days of school reopening. It is very important that:

- If you have holidayed abroad and returned after the 23<sup>rd</sup> August and been advised to quarantine after your visit to that country, please do follow this advice. This means that you must stay at home for 14 days. We ask that you call school and notify us of this and we can then authorise the absence.

**BACK TO THEIR FUTURES  
BACK TO FRIENDS**

**YOU CAN'T BUILD INTERSTELLAR  
SPACE ROCKETS WITHOUT TEAMWORK**

Returning to school and spending time with friends is vital for children's wellbeing. Find out how our schools will be supporting them to return in September.

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- If your child or a member of your household has had any of the Covid symptoms (dry cough, temperature, loss of sense of smell/taste) please do not bring your child into school next week and please notify us. We advise that a test is ordered immediately, regardless of how severe, or how minimal those symptoms are or whether or not you believe your child to have Covid 19. As soon as you have the results, it is important that you notify school.

Both these measures are designed to not only protect you, but the rest of our community. For children to safely return to school, we need all of our community supporting one another and following this guidance.



Please remember:

- Gates open at 8.50am
- Parents cannot enter the playground through the gates – if you need to speak to the office or a member of staff please phone the office for an appointment
- Children will have their temperature taken on the gate. Please do not leave until your child has entered the playground – if your child has a temperature, they will need to go home.
- On entering, children go straight into class
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will enter (and leave) through the Blackstone Gate, siblings of children in these classes can also enter and leave through this gate at the same time as their brothers or sisters.
- Year 3,4,5,6 will enter through the Churchill Gardens Road Gate.

We have different finish times:

3pm	Reception home time and their siblings	Blackstone Gate
3.10pm	Year 1 home time and their elder siblings	Blackstone Gate
3.10pm	Year 3 home time and their elder siblings	Churchill Gardens Rd Gates
3.20pm	Year 2 home time and elder siblings	Blackstone Gate
3.20pm	Year 4 home time and any elder siblings	Churchill Gardens Rd Gate
3.30pm	Year 5 and 6	Churchill Gardens Rd Gate

Children should only be bringing a water bottle and a packed lunch (if they are packed lunch). On the days when your child has PE we would ask you to send your child to school in their PE kit; you do not need to provide their uniform for them to change into afterwards, they will remain

in their PE kit all day. On Monday you will receive a class newsletter with information from your child's class teacher telling you more about class routines and when your child has PE.

We are currently reviewing our homework policy and how we use remote learning and due to the pandemic we do not want lots of paper going home. We are exploring alternative ways for children to access homework and will be trialling the use of Google Classrooms later in the term. Therefore in the meantime, we would ask that children return to reading at home every night and filling in their reading records. The children can bring the reading records in each day and they will be sighted by the adults in the class, but will not be signed – again this is to avoid too much cross contact between home and school.

## Dinner Money

**Dinner money** is now £2.20 per day or £11 for the week. Please put this money into an envelope with your child's name on it and give it to **your child to hand to their teacher**, or **make an appointment** to take it to the school office. All School Meals must be paid for in advance and if this is not possible we ask that you send your child to school with a packed lunch.

Please be reminded that you will only be able to change your child's meal option (Packed Lunch or School Dinner) at the beginning of each Half Term. The choice must be adhered to until the following Half Term. Please let the office know your choice.

If your child is Packed Lunch, they must bring it with them in the morning. We will not be able to accept lunches brought in during the day.

All children in Class R, 1 and 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. However, you must inform the office of your child's meal option (Packed Lunch or School Dinner) as soon as possible.

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher