



1st March 2021

Dear families,

School reopening to all pupils

We are delighted to be opening to all pupils on March 8th 2021.

The school risk assessment has been updated in line with current Government guidance and will be available to view on the school website. When we reopen on March 8th 2021, all children will return to school following the daily routine that was established prior to the Christmas break.

Please remember to follow the latest government guidance if your child or any member of your household displays symptoms of COVID-19. Please do not send a child with symptoms into school.

Uniform

Children are required to wear their full school uniform including school shoes. Many pupils have slipped into the habit of wearing trainers. These are not part of the school uniform. If your child is wearing the incorrect uniform, then you will receive a letter home. If this continues then you will receive a phone call from the office and following that, a member of the senior leadership team will phone to discuss it with you. We understand that sometimes issues occur, e.g. left school shoes at a family member's house or damaged footwear and if this is the case then we are sympathetic if we know the situation. If you are struggling financially and cannot afford the correct school uniform then please inform us and we will offer support.

In line with our uniform policy, children are not allowed to have their hair coloured. If your child has a colour in their hair, then please ensure it is returned to normal as soon as possible. Long hair must be tied in a ponytail, plait or bun.

On a PE day, your child must attend school for the full day in their PE kit. Navy tracksuit or shorts, white t-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child in a designer make tracksuit. Your child will bring an individual letter home if they do not have appropriate PE kit on. Again, we can offer support if you are unable to provide your child with the appropriate uniform.

Reception- Wednesday

Year 1- Friday

Year 2- Friday

Year 3- Monday

Year 4- Monday

Year 5- Friday

Year 6- Friday

Bagels

All children will be continued to be offered a morning bagel from 8th March. We cannot return to year 5 helpers yet, but I will let you know when we can.



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Laptops

If your child has a school laptop, they must be returned to school as soon as possible. The office will sign the laptop back from you after they have checked its condition. If a bubble closes then you will be reoffered a laptop again.

School milk

All children under 5 year's old receive free school milk. If your child is over 5 and you would like to order school milk then please logon to www.coolmilk.com and register. It costs £15 per term.

Items brought into school

Children should continue to limit what they bring into school. A small bag in line with the uniform policy and water bottle should be brought into school.

Packed lunches must continue to be brought in disposable bags. Please remember that we do not allow fizzy drinks, chocolates or sweets in the packed lunches.

When the weather improves, your child should bring in appropriate clothing that can be stored in their small bag e.g. sun hat.

Home learning books

Any fully completed exercise books can be returned with your child into school. Your child will need to retain a book at home just in case they go into isolation or their class bubble collapses and they need to engage in home learning. If you have completed a book and require a new one, please ask your child to let the class teacher know and they will provide one or message the teacher directly on ClassDojo.

The CPG books that were sent home need to be returned to school. The children will be working on them in class. If your child has to isolate, then the books will be available to take back home.

After School Club

Our after-school club will reopen on 8th March from 3.30pm until 6pm. Breakfast club continues to be 8am-9am. Parents should email wraparound@stmarysjarrow.co.uk to book a place. You must book in by 12:30pm on a Friday with the specific days that you require the wraparound. Please make sure that wraparound is paid for in advance.

Face coverings

Children are not required to wear a face covering in school. Staff, parents and school visitors will be wearing face coverings in line with the schools COVID-19 risk assessment. Please support school by wearing a facemask if you are talking to a member of staff.

Attendance

All children are required to attend school from 8 March 2021. If your child is absent due to illness, please contact the school office to report your child's absence.

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school site even if they are carried.





Year group	Arrival time	Collection time	Drop off point	Collection point
Nursery	8:45-9am	3:15-3:30pm	Main nursery door	Main nursery door
Reception	8:45-9am	3:15pm	Side gate	Side gate
Year 1	8:45-9am	3:15pm	Year 1 classroom	Hall door
Year 2	9-9:15am	3:30pm	Year 2 classroom	Year 2 classroom
Year 3	9-9:15am	3:30pm	Infant yard	Infant yard
Year 4	8:45-9am	3:15pm	Infant yard	Infant yard
Year 5	9-9:15am	3:30pm	Junior yard	Junior yard
Year 6	8:45-9am	3:15pm	Junior yard	Junior yard

Start of school day from 8 March

- Children and parents of year 1-6 must enter via the main gate. Not via the church gate.
- The children can enter the school yard any time between 8.45am and 9.15am. There will be staff on the yard from 8:45am. If possible and your child is comfortable, then please allow them to enter the site themselves. This must be within your child's 15-minute arrival slot.
- Use the one-way system. No exit is allowed through the main gate.
- Parents of Nursery/ Reception children are able to take their child to the EYFS building using the allocated path.
- Messages can be passed to staff on the yard or directly to the office.
- If you see it is busy at a gate, please make a socially distanced queue in one orderly direction to allow members of the public or other parents leaving the site to walk past.
- Please do not gather in groups once your child has entered the yard.

End of school day from 8th March 2021

- Please line up for your child using the 2m markings on the ground.
- Please do not gather in groups or you will be asked to leave the site.
- Remember to use the one-way system.
- Please do not congregate outside of the school once you have collected your child.
- Once you have collected your child please ensure they stay with you if you are then waiting for a sibling.

Safeguarding

If your child is at home in isolation due to COVID-19 and you or your child wish to report any safeguarding concerns you can email or telephone school. You can email your concerns to soffice@stmarysjarrow.co.uk or telephone the school office on 0191 4898336 for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Year 2 staffing

Following Miss Mowbray's early maternity leave, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Reid have taken responsibility of the year 2 class. They both know the children well and have taught the class remotely and in school since the start of lockdown. The parents in year 2 have previously been informed of the changes.

Handwashing and 'Catch it, bin in, kill it'

Your child will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive at school, regularly throughout the day and before they go home. We use a combination of sinks inside and outside of the classroom and hand sanitiser to do this.

Please remind your child that they should use a tissue to blow their nose and dispose of them in the classroom bins.





School meals

The children in school will be offered a hot meal each day. Some children will eat in the dining hall and some in the main hall. The children are used to this. Nursery and Reception children will continue to eat in the EYFS building. Until Easter, the reception children will continue to all be offered the same meal. We have found that this encourages children to try new food. After Easter, the reception children will be offered the full menu.

March 8th 2021 is week one.

Week one				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Toad in the hole and mashed potato.	Chicken curry and rice.	Roast turkey and roast potatoes.	Minced beef and dumplings with boiled potatoes.	Fish and chips.
Quorn mince cottage pie.	Cheese and potato pie.	Quorn sausage hotdog in a bun.	Macaroni cheese.	Pizza.
Fruit and yogurt.	Jelly and fruit.	Angel delight.	Shortbread biscuits.	Ice cream tub.
Flapjack.	Jam sponge.	Crispy cake.	Chocolate and sponge cake.	Fresh fruit.

Week two				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta bolognese	Chicken and fried rice.	Roast chicken.	Turkey and vegetable pasta bake.	Fish fingers and chips.
Cheese and tomato quesadilla.	Quorn and vegetable cannelloni.	Vegetable stew and dumpling.	Vegetable curry with rice.	Quorn burger and chips.
Fruit and yogurt.	Ice cream sponge roll.	Cornflake biscuit.	Jelly and fruit.	Rice pudding and jam
Marble sponge cake.	Apple crumble.	Hot chocolate fudge cake.	Cornflake tart.	Fresh fruit.

Parents consultations

Consultations are planned to take place before the Easter break. Further information will follow.

After-school clubs

After Easter, we will attempt to reopen some afterschool clubs. They will be in line with our risk assessments and government guidance. I will provide more information nearer the time.

Movie night

We will rearrange our Christmas movie night for after Easter. Again, more information will follow in regards to this and again we will follow government guidance to ensure it is appropriate.

Trainee teachers

We are delighted that we have been able to continue to provide support to trainee teachers since September. This is ongoing and is very successful. All trainees are supervised by qualified teachers and provide additional experiences for the pupils in school.

If you are educated to degree level and would like to know more about training to be a teacher, then there are a lot of different routes to follow. As a school, we can offer guidance and support if this interests you or anyone you know.





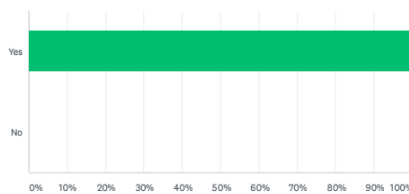
Remote learning

The school remote learning provision was externally reviewed last week and it was very successful.

I am very proud of how the staff have worked together to ensure that the provision was outstanding. It has very much been a team effort from the kitchen staff, lunchtime supervisors, office staff, site staff and the classroom educators.

Thank you to those that completed the remote learning questionnaire. I am really pleased to say that **100%** of those who answered the questionnaire would recommend St. Mary's Remote Learning Package to others.

Would you recommend St. Mary's Remote Learning package to others?



Hopefully, we will never be in the same situation again, but if we are then we know how to fully support your children from home. Once the children have settled back in, we will be assessing them; this will be in a relaxed manner and it gives the children a chance to show off what they have learnt since the last assessments.

Children will be continuing interventions and catch up support as soon as they return, again this is completed in a relaxed way and children are very familiar with the set up and the staff that they know well.

A final thank you for your support during this time. You have all been amazing even though it has been difficult. I am sure that some of you have learned a lot.

Lord,

The COVID-19 outbreak has disrupted many aspects of our lives, including our school.

Despite the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we have faith that Your love guides us.

We give you thanks and praise for the goodness that shines through the relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made through our schools.

Loving God, we ask that you protect all children and staff as the school fully reopens, and give parents and guardians peace about their well-being.

Bless the body, mind, and soul of us all.

May they celebrate your glory and use their education to build your kingdom of peace.

In Jesus Christ's name. AMEN

I appreciate this is a lot of information and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are all looking forward to having your child with us in school once again.

Mrs. Tumelty
Acting Head of School.

