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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Arrangements for September 2020**

I am writing to you again with further details regarding the arrangements for next academic year. As you will already be aware, from September schools will re-open to children in all year groups and the Government have issued new guidance on how schools should do this. In order to comply with this guidance, we have had to make some changes to our usual routines and practices.

Please note, although we are putting many measures in place to follow Government guidance to lower the risk of infection, I feel that I need to make parents aware that although these measures lower the risks, I cannot guarantee that all risk is removed.

You will know from my letter of 25 June 2020 that children will be returning to school in September to the comfort of their current classroom and Teacher for two weeks. This is to help all children to return to school feeling confident that they know what they are returning to. During these first two weeks Teachers will be concentrating on transition activities and personal, social and emotional wellbeing.

**Attendance**

During the partial closure of schools, the Government made it clear that no parent would be penalised or sanctioned for their child's non-attendance at school. From September, school attendance will become mandatory again meaning that it is a legal requirement for your child to attend school.

**Dropping off/picking up**

In order to stagger the arrival and departure times of children, we have made some changes to the times and entry and exit points for the start and end of the school day. Children will need to line up - socially distanced - with their parent outside the relevant entry point. As each child reaches the front of the queue, they will be called in by a member of staff. Children will need to enter the school unaccompanied as no parents will be allowed beyond the double yellow line markings or inside the school building. If a child is unsettled or upset, we will ask the parent to move to the back of the line with the child while they settle them and try again.



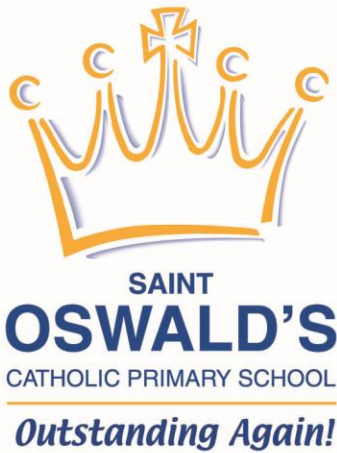
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If you have children attending school in different year groups, please line up at the time and entrance point of your youngest child. The siblings will enter the building together, with the older child(ren) walking straight to their own classroom – they must not enter the classroom of their younger sibling(s).

At the end of the day, parents should line up - socially distanced - at their designated exit points and children will be released one at a time as each parent reaches the front of the queue.

In order for the start and end of the school day to run as smoothly as possible, please adhere to these timings:

Class	Entry and Exit point	Arrival Time	Home Time
Rec	Infant door	8.55-9.00am	3.10pm
Y1	Infant door	8.45-8.50am	3.00pm
Y2	Rear hall door	8.45-8.50am	3.00pm
Y3	Junior gate	8.45-8.50am	3.00pm
Y4	Rear hall door	8.55-9.00am	3.10pm
Y5	Junior gate	8.55-9.00am	3.10pm
Y6	Junior gate	9.00-9.05am	3.15pm

*Please note: the above refer to year groups the children will officially be in from September i.e current Reception children will enter as Year 1 through the infant door at 8.45am; current Y2 will enter as Year 3 through the junior gate at 8.45 etc.*

We ask that parents exit the car park quickly at the start and end of the school day to avoid congestion and help us with our social distancing. If possible we ask that one adult only accompanies the child to school (younger siblings who cannot be left at home can also be brought to school). To avoid congestion on the car park it would help if parents and children can walk to school wherever possible. We also ask that children to not bring bikes and scooters as these cannot be accommodated at this time.

### **Class 'bubbles' and social distancing**

Children will be in class bubbles of approximately 30 children. Classrooms will be arranged in a more formal style with all children sitting in pairs in forward facing desks. Children will not be



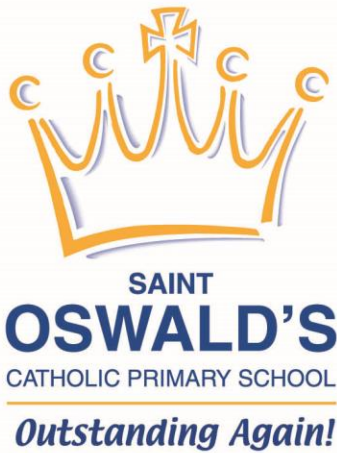
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expected to maintain social distancing but adults in school will be required to keep distance as they will be working across the bubbles in school.

### **Lunch**

Lunch will be eaten in classrooms. School meals will be available initially as cold packed lunches and these will be delivered to the classroom. As we move through the autumn term, hot meals may be introduced. For junior children, payment for these should be made in advance on ParentPay. If you wish to provide a packed lunch for your child, please avoid items which are tricky for the child to manage by themselves eg Tupperware pots, oranges, drinks cartons etc. As the children will be eating in classrooms, please also avoid messy items such as yoghurts.

### **Uniform**

From September, full school uniform will resume.

We will not be asking PE kits to remain in school. Two days per week, on the days children have PE, they can come to school in their outdoor PE kit (dark blue/black joggers, dark blue/black sweatshirt or tracksuit top, white t-shirt and trainers). PE shorts can be worn underneath jogging bottoms. You will be notified in advance of your child's regular PE days.

### **Extra-curricular provision**

During the autumn term, we will not be able to offer our early doors reading club or after-school clubs. We have been notified by Livewire Swimming that although pools will be re-opening, school swimming sessions will not be offered in the first autumn half term. Arrangements on early doors, after school clubs and swimming sessions will be reviewed as the term progresses.

We expect WASPs to be running some after school provision but at this stage they have not confirmed their arrangements. WASPs can be contacted directly on 01925 818689 or by email [amy.thompson@waspschildcare.co.uk](mailto:amy.thompson@waspschildcare.co.uk)

### **Hygiene**

Children and staff will sanitise their hands as they enter the school building and will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including before and after eating. Tables, sinks and other surfaces which are touched frequently will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. The school will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day and deep-cleaning will take place weekly.



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**Communication**

We will not be able to permit parents into the school building except in exceptional circumstances. If you have a query for the school office, please call on 01925 813015 or alternatively e-mail [stoswalds\\_primary@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stoswalds_primary@warrington.gov.uk). If you have a query for your child's Teacher, please contact them via the temporary e-mail addresses that have been in use during the partial closure of the school. Parents and Teachers have found these e-mails to be very helpful and they will remain live in the autumn term.

Although we are all hoping to return to some normality after the summer break, I am sure you appreciate that as our country still remains in this difficult time, changes are necessary. To ensure our school is as safe as possible for all our children, families and staff, I hope we can work together in the new academic year to implement these changes for the safety of all.

If you would like to discuss any of these arrangements further, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail on [stoswalds\\_primary\\_head@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stoswalds_primary_head@warrington.gov.uk) or call 01925 813015.

Thank you for your support over the last 17 weeks. Your co-operation, thoughtfulness and kindness has been greatly appreciated by myself and all the staff. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families and I very much look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms H T Lennon,  
Head Teacher



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