



# St Nicholas C.E Primary Academy

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## A WARM WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Dear families,

I hope that you and your loved ones have kept safe and well over the summer holidays and you have been able to make the most of a slightly different pace of life for the past few weeks. So much has changed since we were last together in school so I thought I would take the chance to touch base and reassure you of our approach to ensuring that you, your loved ones and our entire St Nicholas community is kept as safe as possible.

The new school year is nearly upon us and all of the staff at St Nicholas CE Primary Academy have been busy training and preparing during the break and, in particular, over the last couple of days to make sure that everything is in place for a fantastic year. Everyone is very excited and looking forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Get ready to **"Let your light shine"** as we commence the new school year!

### **COVID-19: new guidance:**

From September, we will implement the new Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools. The DfE no longer recommends that it is necessary to group children into bubbles so mixing across age groups will be allowed. We will continue to use class web pages on the school website ([www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk](http://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk)) for information, celebration, learning resources and to provide remote education for any child who tests positive and therefore needs to self-isolate.

### **The following safety measures will be in place:**

- Children should **not** come to school if they have any of the three main coronavirus symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or taste) **or** if they have tested positive via an LFD or PCR test (please follow advice provided by NHS Test and Trace).
- Children and staff will continue to clean their hands thoroughly and often.
- Staff will continue to encourage good hygiene at all times.
- Extra cleaning will continue to take place in school.
- Classrooms will be well ventilated.
- Asymptomatic testing for staff (LFD tests) will continue to take place twice a week (this will be reviewed at the end of September).
- Children attend school wearing their PE Kit on their designated PE days to avoid having to change.

For more information about the new guidance, please visit the 'Coronavirus: Latest Updates' page of our school website to see the latest risk assessment and links to Government Guidance.

### **Attendance arrangements:**

**The back gate is no longer in use.** All access to the school site is via the Front Gate. Attendance at school is mandatory for all children & the one-way system around the school site remains in operation.

The **FRONT GATE** will be opened at 8:30am and closed at 8:40am so there is a 10-minute window in which to arrive. Arrivals after the gates have closed will be through the Main Reception and will be coded as 'Late' in the Register.

The **FRONT GATE** will be opened at 3pm and closed at 3:20pm so that all Key Stages can be collected promptly from their classrooms.

Please inform the Main Office before the start of the school day if your child is absent for any reason. The phone-lines are manned from 8:30am – 4pm and an answerphone service is available to leave messages.

### PE Uniform

Mr Lee will be leading a campaign to ensure that when children attend school in the PE Kit it is shown the same value as our day-to-day 'blue jumper' uniform. Mr Lee has ensured that our PE Uniform Policy is based on items that are all cost-effective and easy to obtain; he will be working tirelessly to make sure that everyone – including staff - is wearing the agreed PE uniform.



After having watched the Euros, the Olympics and now the Paralympics, our whole community has seen the pride with which a 'team kit' is worn. In order to further encourage a sense of unity, teammanship and family, Mr Lee will be ambitious in ensuring that every member of St Nicholas CE Primary Academy is wearing the correct PE Uniform.

### Homework

In a move to focus on the mental health and wellbeing of our entire St Nicholas community (including the adults at home), we have made the decision NOT to set any formal homework. Instead, each class will receive a weekly challenge in Maths, Spelling and Reading. This will involve using amazing interactive games like TT Rockstars, Nessy and Phonics Play. Our motivation here is to encourage a love of learning rather than activities which simply create tension and stress for all involved!

**Please do discuss any questions, concerns or queries with your child's class adults, they will be more than happy to help.**

I am feeling very positive about the forthcoming academic year and I look forward to working alongside you to provide our children with a year of enjoyable, high quality education where they – and you – are able to 'Let your light shine'.

I will write to you again once the term is underway with more news and information but in the meantime, keep an eye on **Twitter**, our school **Facebook** and the **school website** for pictures, information and updates from your child's class. Keeeep shining everyone!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs F. Booth  
Head Teacher

