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Monday 1st March 2021

March 8th Full Reopening of School Arrangements

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a long time it feels to have been since we last saw each other! Thank you SO much for your continued support and patience during this incredibly challenging time ... we cannot wait to bring our family back together!

We are really looking forward to welcoming **all** of our children back into school for face-to-face learning on **MONDAY 8th MARCH**. We hope you are excited too!

In order to limit the chances of further class closures, we must continue to put safety first when all children return to face-to-face learning by ensuring that we are **all** following the government guidance carefully. The overarching themes of the latest Government guidance are:

- Infection rates are still extremely high and the risks posed by Coronavirus are still as present as they were in January
- The only way to minimise risks of further 'bubble closures' is to follow the 'Hands. Face. Space. Fresh Air' campaign
- If a person is displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, they are **not to enter any educational setting**
- We must all **clean our hands thoroughly** and **more often**
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene (where possible, ensure windows & doors are kept open to allow **fresh air** to circulate)
- Minimise contact between individuals and **maintain social distancing** wherever possible

Bubbles (groups that should limit mixing):

One of the key areas that we need to be mindful of is that different 'bubbles' are encouraged to *limit* mixing as much as possible. Part of our school risk assessment has meant that we have considered carefully how to arrange bubbles in order to maximise social distancing and minimise the amount of mixing between these bubbles wherever possible.

Our 'bubbles' are set up as follows which means children from within these bubbles can share toilets, outdoor spaces, resources and adults:

- EYFS Noah's Ark
- Year 1 Gospels and Year 2 Apostles
- Year 3 Disciples and Year 4 Pilgrims
- Year 5 Saints and Year 6 Prophets

The school PE Kit is:

- Trainers
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- White T-Shirt
- Sports jacket

Each child in KS1 and KS2 will have their own resource pack on their desk with their own individual stationary and learning equipment inside. Children will keep their water bottles on their desk and will be encouraged to refill them independently.

On the day your child has **PE** they are required to **come to school already wearing their PE kit** so that changing in school is not required.

Hygiene:

Children will be encouraged to sanitize their hands, or wash with soap and water, at regular intervals during the day, particularly when arriving at school, visiting the toilets and before and after break and lunchtimes. Due to the stringent hygiene protocols, please can you ensure that your children do not bring any additional items into school with them - they will only need their book bag, coat and lunch bag. As mentioned previously, individual pupil packs have been set up with all of the resources and stationery which they will need for their learning.

Start and end of the school day & one-way system for ALL:

The front and back gates will remain open for all children from **8:30am to 8:45am and 2:55pm – 3:15pm** as usual. We feel we are well placed to take maximum precautions in minimizing contact between different families because we have two separate entrances onto our site which will ease the flow of people accessing it at any one time. We will encourage social distancing at all times and would ask you to support us with this.

We also ask that **you** ensure that your children do not mix with people who are outside of your household until we are told by the Government it is safe to do so.

The **one-way system** around our site remains in place for **EVERYONE** and is a key part of minimizing contact between different households.

Children in key stage 2 should be encouraged to walk to their classrooms by themselves in order to keep as few people as possible on the school site.

During the first few days following the full reopening, staff will be on hand to make sure that everyone finds their way to their classroom and remind adults of the expectations so that we know, as a school family, we are doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

Markings will be displayed on the floor to ensure social distancing but can we ask that all parents/carers avoid congregating on the playground during the transition times. The DfE guidance states that *'gathering at the school gates and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed'*.

We have obviously always promoted an open-door policy **so if there is anything you wish to discuss please contact us directly, we will be more than happy to help!**

Attendance

Attendance in school is vital to your child to be able to flourish and we will do all we can to support you and your family in attending. From **Monday 8th March** it is expected that **ALL** children return to school fully and our normal absence procedures will resume.

If your child is unwell (not related to COVID), please contact Mrs Johnson in the school office as early as possible on the first day of absence. Any absences not related to medical illness will be unauthorised unless prior agreement with the Headteacher.

If you do however have a **confirmed case** of COVID in your household, **or you are awaiting results** of a test, **please inform our school office on 01205 363210 as soon as possible** to enable us to make necessary arrangements for you and in school.

If a child is isolating due to being in contact with a positive case, then remote learning will be provided during their absence. Please always check your child's class page on the website for further details of this.

Lunchtime:

There will be different sittings for lunch to be eaten in the Hall in order to minimize contacts between different groups of children. The doors and windows will be left open to allow good ventilation so children must come dressed appropriately.

We have been in communication with Willoughby Foods and we intend to serve hot school lunches to children as soon as we return to school. If you require a school lunch please ensure you have ordered these by midnight on **Tuesday 2nd March**.

If you miss this deadline, please send your child to school with a packed lunch as school lunches will not be available.

Extra-curricular clubs:

We have got a wonderful menu of clubs available for the Spring term thanks to Mr Lee! The arrangements for these will be shared in the week beginning 8th March; they have all been planned so that they are safely within the current Covid-19 guidelines and in-line with the day your child has PE so that there is limited on-site clothes changing.

Watch out on Parent Hub for further information and details of how to book a place for your child!

Superstar Collective Worship and Parental Engagement events:

Sadly, in accordance with the current Government guidance, we are not able to meet as a whole school in the Hall and we have to keep visitors to the site to a minimum. Therefore, there will not be any parental engagement events/ workshops or Superstar Collective Worships in the Spring term. As soon as we are able to restart these, we will because we know how popular they are!

The usual menu of events in the Summer Term may be impacted too but I will update you on this, nearer the time.

'Catch-Up' and Intervention:

You may have heard/ read lots of reports in the press about the offer to help children 'catch-up' when they return to the classroom. Please rest assured that whilst we are committed to ensuring your children reach their academic potential, our main priority is ensuring that every child is given opportunities to enjoy being back at school with their friends where they are able to socialize, spend time looking after their mental health and adjust to the routines and expectations of 'school life'.

Children are incredible and will do this with ease ... the things they need to 'catch up' on are not the sort of things that can be found in a text book!

Through our weekly catch ups with every single family, what we have found is that children are generally demonstrating resilience, excitement and stamina for learning. When we return to full opening on Monday 8th March, our talented teachers are well prepared to deliver a high quality, broad and balanced curriculum which will be informed by the assessments they make in the first few weeks back at school. Your child will receive a learning diet which is carefully matched to their needs and we will ensure you receive updates and information that will help you to continue to support your child at home too.

Remote learning

If your child is requested to isolate due to the closure of a school 'bubble', they will be expected to engage in remote learning and interact with the class teacher each day. Work will be set by the class teacher and added to the class pages of our website.

If your child has been in contact with a positive case outside of the school community and is required to isolate, they will be provided with work to complete at home for the duration of their isolation. This will primarily be in the form of worksheets and will be in-line with what the children will be covering in school. Again, details will be posted to the class pages of our website or through communication with you.

Staffing from March 2021:

Year Group	Class Name	Class Teacher	Additional Adults
EYFS	Noah's Ark	Mrs Tory	Miss Hardy Miss Ingamells
Year 1	Gospels	Mrs Smith	Mrs Harrison
Year 2	Apostles	Mrs MacRae	Miss Burt Mrs Chatterton (volunteer)
Year 3	Disciples	Mr Lee	Miss Featherstone Mr Rowlatt
Year 4	Pilgrims	Mrs Oliver	Mrs Clarke (mornings) Miss Taylor
Year 5	Saints	Mrs Dobbs (SENDCo) Mr Jacques (mornings)	Mrs Stukins
Year 6	Prophets	Mr Bell Mr Jacques (afternoons) Mrs Dougill (Thursdays)	Miss Allen (mornings)
SEND provision	Doves	Mrs Toyne	Mrs Bishop
Whole school	Learning Mentor	Mrs Curtis	---
Miss Allen will deliver the bespoke Music, Art and DT curriculum that she has written, across the whole school over the course of each week.			
Mrs Clarke will work across each year group over the course of 4 afternoons each week to deliver age-appropriate RSHE (Relationships and Health Education) from the National Curriculum.			

School Website, Facebook, ParentHub and Twitter

There are so many ways to keep in touch with everything that is happening within school, you should not ever feel like you aren't 'in the loop'. Please make sure you have all of our details saved and you are keeping an eye on the regular updates posted directly to your phone.

- <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/>
- @BostonStNic (Twitter)
- St Nicholas CE Primary Academy (Facebook)

We really cannot wait to see you all again on Monday 8th March and we do not know how to thank you enough for the absolutely awesome job you have done over the past couple of months in supporting your children with continuing their education from home. I know you will all be experiencing mixed emotions about your children returning to school but I hope when you look back on 'home schooling' you will be able to smile and say to yourself, "Wow! We've done it! We've got there and I've done a great job!" ... because you have!

For now though, all that remains for me to say is that we simply cannot wait to see you all on **MONDAY 8th MARCH.**

Stay Safe and ... Keeeeeep Shining!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F. Booth

Head Teacher

