



ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Monday 1st March,

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, schools across England will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 8th March**. I know I speak on behalf of the entire St Richard's staff when I say how much we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school. Many of you will welcome this news, however, I appreciate that for some people this may cause additional worry. Please be assured that we have many systems in place to ensure that school runs as safely as it possibly can.

As before the lockdown, these measures will include:

- Children remaining in smaller bubbles to limit the contact with others
- Increased handwashing
- Staggered start and finish times to reduce the numbers of children and adults on the school site at any given time.
- Parents wearing a face-covering and following the one-way system at drop off and collections times.
- Additional cleaning routines being carried out in school.

Additionally:

- Staff members are now being tested twice a week. Please be aware that there are currently no proposed plans to test primary aged children.

When the children return, as well as ensuring that learning continues, the teaching staff will be providing many opportunities for the children to reconnect with school life and settle back in. Further information regarding full school reopening can be found below and on the school website.

This week remote learning will continue. Please encourage your child to attend their Google Meet as much as possible as it provides a good opportunity for them to see their class teacher and friends and prepare for their return to school. Teachers will also be providing work which will help them with the transition back into school. As always, please contact us if you require any support for either your child or yourself.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the lovely videos, cards, gifts and positive comments that we have received. These have really spurred us on through this challenging time and we really can't wait to see you all again!

Kind regards
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Important Information: All procedures stay the same as last time. @strichardsrc

Staggered start and finish times:

Group A:

Start: **8.45am** Finish: **3.15pm**

Group B:

Start: **9.00am** Finish **3.30pm**

Group A will include: **any sibling groups** (brothers and sisters from the **same** family) within school. It will also include **all of Years 5 and 6**.

Group B will include: All pupils in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who DO NOT have a brother or sister who also attends St Richards.

To ease the numbers of people on the school site and reduce congestion, please ensure only one adult brings the child/children onto the school site and that you keep to the correct time for your child.

Designated entrance and exit points for all pupils and waiting zones for parents/carers are all the same as during the September- December period:

EYFS- will use the EYFS entrance. Pupils will line up on the path which leads to the EYFS unit. Parents/carers will wait in the zone on the grass outside of the EYFS unit.

Year 1 will go through the Year 1 door. Pupils will line up on the path leading to Year 1 and parents/carers will wait in the zone on the drive.

Year 2 will enter school through the old EYFS entrance near the playground entrance. A parent/ carer zone will be clearly marked.

Year 3 and 4 will enter the playground through the pedestrian gate. They will line up on the playground with their class and an adult will take them into school. Once more parents/ carers **will not** be able to go onto the school playground. There will be a designated parent waiting zone.

Year 5 and 6 will enter school through the main entrance. They will line up in the same place as before and be met by a member of staff who will accompany them into school.

As always, there will be several members of staff on hand to remind you of the systems. We ask that you help us to keep your children safe by sticking to the designated times, entrances and zones for your child's year group. Thankyou.

During this time, we will still be unable to accommodate people at the school office. We therefore ask that you ring the **school office on 781928** or email admin@strhull.org if have any questions or need any additional support; our wonderful office staff will get back to promptly.

Other important information:

❖ **Breakfast club will begin again, starting at 7.45am, on Monday 8th March**

- ❖ All children will be required to wear their school uniform which must be named. Black school shoes will also be required. As before, PE kits can be worn on Pe days.
- ❖ Children will need to bring their own clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. This needs to be filled with fresh plain water (not juice) before school, as we will not be able to share equipment and, for hygiene purposes, need to keep sink areas clear.