



ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Monday 13th July,

Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to announce that following recent government guidance, school will be able to reopen fully in September. The staff of St Richard's are so looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on **Wednesday 9th September**, when the attendance of all children becomes compulsory once more. Whilst we appreciate that some families may feel nervous about a full return to school, we can reassure you that many children have continued to attend school safely during the pandemic, and we have further developed the systems that we already have in place to ensure the safe return of all pupils.

These are:

1. Staggered start and finish times (see more information below)
2. A one-way system onto the school site – entering through the pedestrian gate, down path and back up the drive to prevent unnecessary crossing over.
3. Designated entry and exit points for each 'phase bubble' and waiting zones for adults.
4. Regular washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.
5. All children will have a deep tray to put their belongings from home into (packed lunches, coats, water bottle, hand sanitiser).
6. All children will have a shallow tray for their personal classroom equipment (pen, pencil, scissors, books, maths equipment etc).
7. Increased cleaning of the communal areas in school during the day (e.g. toilets, dining hall, door handles).
8. Staggered lunchtimes and break times to enable children to mix predominately within their 'phase bubble' (e.g. EYFS; Years 1 and 2; Years 3 and 4; Year 5 and 6)

Staggered start and finish times will ease the number of children and adults entering the school site and building at any given time, reducing unnecessary congestion.

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, it is really important that you stick to the correct time for your child.

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Designated entrance and exit points for all pupils and waiting zones for parents/carers:

EYFS- will use the EYFS entrance. Pupils will line up on the path which leads to the EYFS unit where they will be met by an adult. Parents/carers will wait in the zone on the grass outside of the EYFS unit which will be clearly marked.

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 which will be clearly marked.

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. Parents/ carers **will not** be able to go onto the school playground. There will be a designated zone for them to wait for their child at the end of the day.

Year 5 and 6 will enter school through the gate onto the school field (normally open for visitors on Sports Day). They will line up on the drive that leads towards this gate (facing the EYFS unit) and be met by a member of staff who will walk them around the gym to their classrooms. Again parents/ carers will not be able to enter the school field.

There will be several members of staff on hand to help you get used to these new 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.

During this time, we will be unable to accommodate people at the school office as this leads to gatherings and people staying longer on the school site than necessary. 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 office staff will get back to promptly.

Other important information for September:

- ❖ Breakfast club will begin again, starting at 7.45am, on Monday 14th September.
- ❖ From September, all children will be required to wear their school uniform which **MUST** be named. We suggest their summer uniform as this will be easier to wash daily. Black school shoes will also be required.
- ❖ 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 every day, as we will not be able to share equipment and, for hygiene purposes, need to keep sink areas clear.

We feel certain that with these systems in place and a continuation of the support that we have had from our school families during these extremely difficult times, we can ensure all children can return safely back to school, where they can learn from their teachers and play with their friends once more.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the summer holidays.
The staff of St Richard's