



## ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all well and having a lovely holiday.

Following the most recent government updates, we would like to outline changes for St Richard's when we return to school on the **8<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Starting and Finishing times**

There is no longer any requirement for staggered starts and finishes for our school day. The school day will start at 8.45am with children able to come into school through their year group door from 8.40am. There will be no adult supervision prior to this time on the school playground.

The school day will finish at the new time of 3.15pm

### **Breakfast Club**

There is no longer the need to book places for breakfast club. However, should numbers become too large, this system may be started again.

### **Bubbles**

There will no longer be bubbles in school to keep children separate from other classes. This means that there will be opportunities for children to mix within teaching groups and on the playground. KS1 and KS2 will still have their separate playground.

All children will now return to eating in the hall at lunchtime.

We will also be able to join together in larger groups for our Acts of Worship.

### **Hygiene and ventilation**

We will maintain a more regular system of handwashing and hand hygiene encouraging children to sanitise their hands on the way into school and at points during the day. We will ensure good ventilation within the classrooms.

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### PE

On days when children have their PE lesson, they are still to come to school in their PE kits. Please can we reiterate that a school PE kit is black/navy shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a white T-Shirt. Black/Navy hoodies or sweatshirts can be worn if it is cold. We ask that you support us in ensuring your child's PE kit follows the uniform policy.

### Illness

As with last term, we ask that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the main Covid-19 symptoms: high temperature, persistent cough or loss/change to senses of smell or taste and that until they have received a negative PCR test, they do not return to school.

### Self-isolation and Track and Trace

Self-isolation is no longer required for those who come into contact with people who are positive for Covid-19 if they are under the age of 18 or double vaccinated. This means that should we have a positive case in school, classes will not be expected to isolate. It also means that if your child is identified as a close contact they **do not** need to isolate.

**We will as ever, regularly review any of our procedures in light of the local or national picture and act in the best interests of our children.**

If you have any issues, please contact the school on [admin@strhull.org](mailto:admin@strhull.org) or staff will be in school should you wish to speak to someone on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

We look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the new academic year. Enjoy the last few days of the holidays.

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