

FAQ updated Friday 10th July

Will all the staff be in? All the staff will return to their normal working hours in school. We have the exciting news of a member of staff on maternity leave but we have found a really good replacement teacher.

Do clothes need to be washed daily? Guidance is that they do not need to be washed daily, but we ask that children come into school with clean uniform to maintain hygiene levels and stop the spreading of infection. We are still undecided if we want children to wear their blazers – hard to wash these weekly. Good uniform code is a key part of a pride in school. We will advise when we have decided about the blazers.

What will the buses do? We expect the bus company to continue with their normal service. We think that if all children wear face-masks (including year 6s) we will be limiting the chance of infection. We are waiting for guidance on this as the service is run by WCC not by the school.

Where will they eat break and will the kitchen be open at lunchtime? Class catering will be back in school, hot and cold will be served at lunchtime. However, they will not be providing food at morning break. Children will have to bring their own healthy snack which they will eat out on the yard at breaktime. Please make sure your child has a full named water bottle each day.

How will you separate the children at lunchtime? Each year group will have its own lunchtime. When they finish, the dining hall will be cleaned for the next year group arrive.

Are all of the rooms big enough? We will use the rooms that are best suited to larger groups. We will seek advice from Public Health England where we are unsure.

Sanitiser or handwashing: which is best? Pupils do not have to wash their hands as they arrive in the school as we will be providing hand sanitiser. We will, however, also be insisting on really good handwashing routines throughout the school day.

Should children bring their own sanitiser? No. We will be providing hand sanitiser throughout the school so that we can ensure the product is safe to be used by our pupils and we will hold the safety certificates.

Will the children be doing all their lessons, like Technology? on the first day, they will be with their new Form Tutor. After that teachers will come to the class to teach the English, History, French, etc. As we become more confident of the processes, children we do PE, Computing, etc. in those classes/spaces. They will move around school to a limited extent.

Will the children be cleaning? Not really. We will have some special wipes for them to wipe-down keyboards, mice, etc. where appropriate.

How will the teachers cope with mixed ability groups and will the less able miss out on their education? Most teaching in school is mixed ability and where 'in sets', there are usually large overlaps in ability of children from set-to-set anyway – our excellent staff will be able to pitch the lesson in the right way for all (differentiation). We will use three 'Access rooms' staffed by Teaching Assistants to provide lots of support for children who may have fallen behind.

Will we be able to meet staff in school? We will have to reduce all visitors to school at the start to an absolute minimum. We will use the remote video systems that are available in the meantime.

We would like to know what you think. Do you have any questions? Email admin@st-egwins.worcs.sch.uk

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