

FAQ updated Wednesday 15th July

NEW! Will all the children be in on the first day (Thursday 3rd September)? No. To enable us to reintroduce the children and staff to a wide-range of new processes, we are planning on welcoming the children back in year groups in the following way: Year 6 on the Thursday. Years 6 and 8 on the Friday. Years 6,7 & 8 on the Monday.

NEW! Will all the children arrive at the same time in the mornings? Children arriving on the buses will arrive at 0810 as will Year 6. At 0820, Year 7 will arrive. Then at 0830, Year 8 will arrive.

NEW! Will all the children leave at the same time? No. Year 6 will leave at 14.55, Year 7 at 15.05, then Year 8 and bus children at 15.15.

NEW! Can the children take their books/work home? Yes. We will just advise sanitising/hand-washing before and afterwards.

NEW! How important is good timekeeping, give the traffic problems in the town? We have to avoid the congregation of people outside school. Your child should be able (if they have a watch) to time their walk/cycle to school so that they arrive at their allotted time. If you are driving them to school, you will have to allow more time, leave and arrive at a drop off point such as B&M or Tesco car park and have a sit in the car for a few minutes before they leave you. **There will not be any access to the bus bay for parents in cars.**

Will all the staff be in? all the staff will return. We have the exciting news of a staff on maternity. We have a really good replacement.

New! Do clothes need to be washed daily? Guidance is that they do not need to be washed daily, usual hygiene and cleanliness of uniform will suffice. Blazers are also to be worn. Good uniform code is a key part of a pride in school, we think.

What will the buses do? We don't expect the bus company to put on a bus for each village and each year group. 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 which will be communicated to families via ParentMail.

Where will they eat at morning break and will the kitchen be open? Class catering will be opening the kitchen and food will be served. However, there will not be any food sold at morning break. Children will have to bring their own healthy snack and bottle of water. It can be eaten when they are out at break.

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 long as we are using sanitiser. We will, however, be insisting on really good handwashing routines.

Should children bring their own sanitiser? No. We'd prefer to make sure they have the right one and use it in the right way.

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.

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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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