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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: September Opening

I trust you are enjoying the summer break and that you and your family have remained safe and well. I am writing to update you on the plans for the new academic year. As we are still in the midst of the pandemic restrictions continue to be in place, to ensure the safety of your child and staff here in school, when we return next month. Therefore we shall be following the plan shared with you in July 2020, with one significant change to the drop off / collection of siblings:

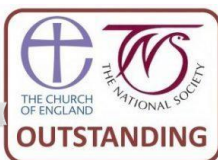
- Siblings will be allowed to come to school at the same time - all family members must arrive at the **start time of the youngest child and enter through the same gate**, the elder child(ren) will be escorted to their zone by a member of staff
- At the end of the day siblings can be collected at the same time – again, the **youngest child’s collection time and exit point** will be used

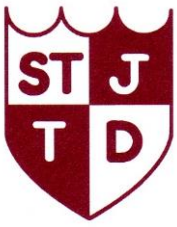
Changes to the school day – entrance points and arrival/collection times:

	Year Groups	Start Time	Entrance and Exit Point	Collection Time
Group A	Year One Year Two	Arrive at school for 8:30am Start of lessons 8:45am	Camberwell New Road Entrance	3pm
	Year Five Year Six	Arrive at school for 8:30am Start of lessons 8:45am	School House Entrance – Warham Street	3pm
Group B	Nursery Reception	Arrive at school for 9:00am Start of lessons 9:15am	Camberwell New Road Entrance	3:30pm
	Year Three Year Four	Arrive at school for 9:00am Start of lessons 9:15am	School House Entrance – Warham Street	3:30pm

Points to note:

- Parents dropping off their child after 9:15am need to alert the school office to their arrival and then wait at the School House entrance until a member of staff comes to meet them. Parents should not enter the school grounds but say goodbye to their child and encourage them to walk towards the member of staff.
- All children must be dropped off and collected by a family member – children will not be able to walk home alone unless they have written permission.
- We will not be running breakfast club or after school clubs for the first half of the term – this will be reviewed at the end of the half term.
- Children must not be sent to school if they are showing any symptoms of illness which could be passed onto another child or adult. Children who show signs of illness or have a temperature of 37.8 C (100 F) or higher will be sent home from school. They will be isolated until a parent arrives to collect them.
- If ANY member of a household has symptoms of Covid-19, children must NOT attend school. Parents must report an illness to the school office, via telephone or email and provide a list of ALL symptoms as soon as their child begins to experience them, even if it is at the weekend or on a day that their child is not due to attend school.





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Parents are reminded that social distancing measures have **only** been reduced to one metre **if** there is another protective measure in place, such as a face covering. If parents are not wearing face coverings then we ask that you stay 2 metres away from other families and that you leave as soon as you have dropped off/collected your child.

School will close to all children after lunch on a Friday afternoon, every Friday afternoon – this is to allow for protected, statutory staff planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Under normal circumstances this time is covered within the school week by additional teachers. However, managing this and keeping risk levels low, means that it is simply not a viable option. This will be reviewed at the half term break, but it means that for the first half of the term, on Fridays children will need to be collected at the following times at the gates listed above:

Group A Children – to be collected at 12:30

Group B Children to be collected at 1pm.

I am sorry that we are not able to offer a full service from the start of the term; we will get back to full weeks as soon as we can.

Ways in which you can help prepare your child(ren) for their return to school:

There are many measures in place here in school to keep you and your child safe – I ask that you talk through the points below with your child so that they are best prepared for their return, we want them to feel as comfortable as possible despite the changes to their routines.

- Children should come to school with their water bottle and, where relevant, their packed lunch – they do not require any other items.
- On arrival all children will wash their hands – those arriving through the school house gate will use the new hand washing station and those entering through the Camberwell New Road entrance will use the Key Stage One toilets. Children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) will use hand sanitizer on arrival.
- Children in the Early Years and Key Stage One will go straight to class once they have washed/ sanitized their hands.
- Key Stage Two children will line up in their groups (classes) and when everyone has arrived they will be escorted to class.
- Throughout the day children will be encouraged to wash their hands and they will do so every time they enter / exit any area within the school building.
- Break times and lunch times will be shorter – this is to allow us to maintain social distancing between the classes
- Classrooms have been rearranged to allow for social-distancing, children will be allocated a seat and they will have a tray at their table which will hold all the resources they need

These measures may take some time to get used to and to implement with every child back in school, so I ask for parents consideration and understanding as we get to grips with this new way of working.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please send them via email to me at admin@sjtdprimary.org.uk Please note that our **contingency plans**, shared with you in July, are still in place should there be the need for a localised lockdown. These can be accessed via our website or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Monday 7th September 2020. Enjoy the final days of the summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Warland
Head Teacher

