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Dear Parents and carers,

With just a week left of our academic year, I wanted to write to let you know some of our plans for September.

Guidance from the Government suggests that all pupils in Primary Schools must return to School and can be taught in their usual class sizes of 30, this is great news! There are however a number of stipulations which we have been working towards and it is these we share with you today. If, over the summer, there are changes in the Government's guidance, we will address these and communicate them to parents.

Pupils will still need to be staggered coming in to and leaving from school. They will be required to remain with their pods/bubbles (class size of 30), and be taught and play within this group. Details about your child's class timetable will be provided nearer the time. Creating a schedule around these recommendations is a challenge, particularly for lunchtimes and so we are detailing below the plan for the first half term:

- Junior site - the children will eat a **packed lunch in their classroom** (10 classes on the junior site), parents should let us know if they intend to send in a packed lunch by emailing Mrs Maxted at dmxted@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk
- Middle site - cooked school lunch
- Infant site - cooked school lunch

We very much hope that before the cold sets in, we are able to move towards cooked lunches for all our children.

Other important details:

- Staff and pupils are to remove face coverings once they arrive at school (Government Guidance)
- Pupils to bring in a pencil case; this does not include Reception children - details to follow
- Scooters and bikes to be taken home for pupils in Reception and Year 1 - other year groups may keep them in school
- PE Kit. As the children will be taught PE outdoors (unless it is raining), **all** pupils will be required to have the School's warm PE overtop and navy blue track suit bottoms; please place your order for these early enough that you have them by September.
- All pupils will be required to wear school shoes for the new term. Please see the website for uniform details: <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/School-uniform-policy-2018.pdf>



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- Wrap around care: Whilst planning for the full re-opening of the school in September, one of the key points we have needed to consider is the provision of wraparound care. Schools are advised that they can run breakfast and after-school clubs and that they should, ideally, keep to the bubbles used during the school day. In practical terms this just is not possible, as it would mean that only children from the same class could be looked after by any one provider. The DfE recognise that this might not be possible and has, therefore, stated that *"if it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day, then schools should use small, consistent groups."*

Knowing how important this issue is to many in our school community, we have come to the decision that wraparound care will be available as it was prior to the partial closure of the school in March. Between now and the re-opening of school, we will work with wraparound care providers in a bid to provide as safe a provision as possible and with the aim of keeping the children in their care as consistent as possible. We hope that you understand the rationale behind our decision and appreciate how vital this care is to a number of families in our community. Our only request is that where possible, you decide on one provider and stick with that one each week, rather than swap between provision.

- Clubs: We hope to restore our before and after school clubs offer after October half term

The Curriculum:

We have taken on board recommendations about the impact of Lockdown and the Coronavirus upon some children and families and have adapted our curriculum based upon it.

During the first half term, we will focus much of our work around PHSCE, starting with a whole school text, which will enable us to explore hopes and wishes for the future. With an already exciting curriculum, we will be making sure the children begin to rebuild their stamina and take gradual steps towards getting back into the swing of full time schooling. There will be lots more to share with you in September.

Catch Up

Whilst there is much talk in the press of 'catching up' with lost learning, at St Mary's our aim is to ensure the children are in a good enough mental state to be able to catch up. We don't yet know what the Government's promise of funding for additional support looks like, but once we do we will share with you our strategy for boosting those who need it.

We will continue to review our plans over the new term, keeping you fully informed of any changes.

Summer Holidays:

Many families will want to take a holiday over the summer, which may involve travelling abroad.



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Please remember that the UK government has strict rules around travel and quarantine; please ensure that if you are not travelling to one of the countries which is exempt from the need to quarantine upon return to the UK. The current list can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-53221896>.

You must factor in 14 days quarantining time at the end of the summer holidays before the start of the term on 7th September, if applicable.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Abrahams
Headteacher

