



## LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD



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Dear parents,

As the most unusual and unexpected of school years comes to an end, I am writing to update you on the current situation at St George's School and with information about the plans for school reopening for all year groups in September.

Firstly, I would like to say how much we appreciate all the support that we have received at school over the year, but particularly since lockdown in March. In this most challenging of terms, the thoughtful messages and kind offers of help from parents, governors and wider school community have been inspiring and motivational. It has been hard for everybody, which makes it all the more special that people will go out of their way to offer us support. We are truly part of a very special school family.

I would like to thank the parents of all children currently at school for following our safety guidelines and helping us to keep the site as safe as possible for our school community. This includes arriving promptly at specific times, following our one-way system and ensuring that your children only bring what is absolutely necessary each day. I would also like to thank our site staff and teaching assistants who have ensured that the drop off and collection times consistently ran smoothly.

I have been so impressed with the children for adapting to the changed school environment so well. The children in reception are certainly not accustomed to such formal settings and our key workers classes have gelled so well that some are disappointed that they will be coming to an end. As for year 6, it has been wonderful to welcome back such enthusiastic and courteous children for some of their last term.



Finally, I would like to pay tribute to our school staff who have coped with very challenging circumstances with professionalism and warmth for the children.

I have received so many messages of thanks from parents, appreciative of the all the learning that has been provided, whether in school or online.

## September

I wrote to you last week to explain that many safety measures need to be introduced meaning that some features of the school day will be very different from normal. As social distancing restrictions for children become relaxed, we will once again be able to teach up to 30 children in each class. We are, however, required to organise the children into year group bubbles. This means that children can interact with other children in their bubble without causing concern, but will not be permitted to mix with children from other year group bubbles. One consequence of this will be that each year group will need a staggered start and finish time to the school day. The collection and drop off times are shown in the table below.

	<b>Drop off</b>	<b>Collection</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	9:10am	3.10pm
<b>Year 2</b>	9:00am	3:00pm
<b>Year 3</b>	9:20am	3:30pm
<b>Year 4</b>	9:10am	3:20pm
<b>Year 5</b>	9:00am	3:10pm
<b>Year 6</b>	8:50am	3:00pm

If you have siblings, please bring them at the earliest relevant drop off and collection times. For example, if you have a child in year 1 and a child in year 6, your drop off time for both children will be 8:50am and your collection time will be 3pm.

We are also asking parents to use specific entry and exit points, and these are different to those currently in operation. Children in Reception and key stage 1 should enter and leave using the Halifax Road entrance. A one-way system in the infant playground will be in operation and clearly indicated. Children in key stage 2 should enter and leave via the Gordon Road entrance where a one-way system and segregating measures will be in place.

We ask parents to only arrive at the designated times as we need to avoid a crowded playground.

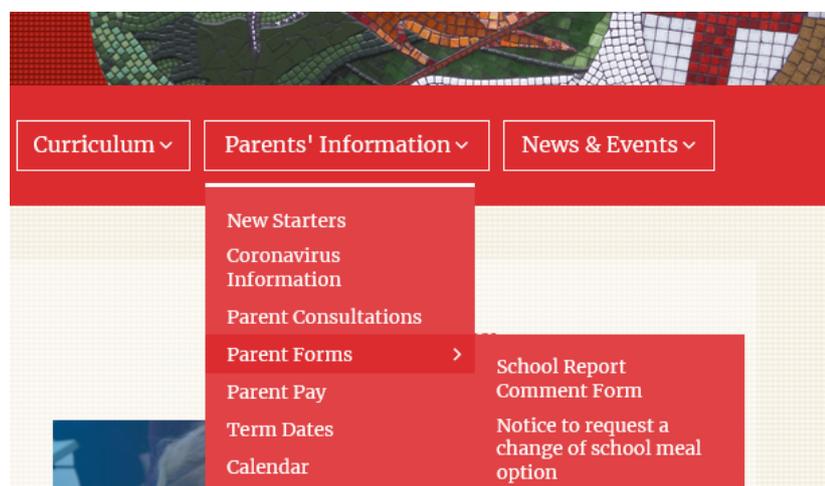
I would like to assure parents that the length of the school day has not been compromised as we have introduced staggered and shortened lunchtimes.

## Term Dates

Please note that school will close at **2pm** on **Friday 17 July** for the summer break, and at the usual reception and year 6 bubble finishing times for Friday. The first day of the autumn term for teaching purposes will be **Monday 7 September**, following two teacher training days the preceding week. Term dates can be found on the Parents' Information section of the school website.

## School Reports

Our school reports are now all distributed. A reminder that if you did not receive your child's report, you need to email [reports@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:reports@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk). There is a facility on the school website for feedback and this can be found by following 'parents information > parent forms > school report comment form.'



## Sports Week

We really enjoyed our special 'virtual' Sports Week. Well done to all the children who participated, whether in school or uploading your activities from home. We are thankful to Miss O'Toole for all her hard work in making this enjoyable event happen. I am delighted to announce the results, as follows:

St Francis of Assisi- 6360 points

St Thérèse of Lisieux - 6095 points

St Oscar Romero - 5945 points

St Josephine Bakhita - 5460 points

Congratulations to all the children in **St Francis of Assisi**, and well done to everyone taking part.

## **Breakfast Club**

Parents who currently use the Breakfast Club for their children will be receiving a message from Mrs Allen so that we can gauge the demand for places. Breakfast Club charges will be £4 per session per child (with concessions for siblings). Once we have an accurate picture of demand, we can then make any spaces available in accordance with our Breakfast Club waiting list policy. There will be no After School Provision in September until we can safely accommodate a large number of children from different year group bubbles together for the period of time that the club requires. We will work hard to establish how this club can operate successfully and safely as soon as possible.

## **School Lunches**

All school lunches will be a packed lunch style meal in September. To serve hot meals we would need to deep clean the school hall between year groups. As we do not have the capacity to do this, packed lunches will be distributed and eaten in the classrooms. Under the universal free school meal scheme, each child in reception and key stage 1 will be provided with a lunch free of charge. Children in key stage 2 may order a school meal in the usual way, but please be aware that these will be a made up of sandwiches or pasta, with a snack, fruit and a drink. At £2.55, they still represent good value. We will keep the situation under continual review and reintroduce a hot meal service as soon as we are able to safely do so.

## **Prayer**

### **Prayer for the end of the school year**

God our Father,  
we praise and thank you  
for this school year,  
You have gifted us a time filled with grace and blessings,  
but also with the challenges of living  
with Coronavirus in our community.  
We ask for your loving kindness  
To care for those who have been affected by illness  
And comfort those who have lost loved ones.

We thank you for the tireless work  
Of those who care for the sick and the dying  
And those who have helped to keep  
our community operating in dark times

Please help us to fulfil our hopes and dreams,  
watch over us in the weeks of summer ahead.

Guide us each day  
and help us to return to school  
renewed and refreshed  
to continue on our journey in learning.

In everything we do each day, we're following Jesus and His way.

Amen

***I wish everyone in our school community a healthy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7 September.***

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P O'Rourke  
*Headteacher*