



ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VA) FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Saturday 31 October the Prime Minister announced New National Restrictions, which came into force on Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, to control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Childcare or education is one of the exceptions that children, young people and parents and carers can leave their home for.

In light of these new restrictions, we have reviewed our operating risk assessment and procedures referring to the guidance issued to schools by the Department for Education, which you can read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/education-and-childcare-settings-new-national-restrictions-from-5-november-2020>

A copy of the updated risk assessment has been published on the school website, which you can find here:

<https://www.stjohnsfrome.co.uk/covid-19-status>

We are not significantly changing our current provision but would like to remind parents of a number of points.

Dropping off and collecting children from school

Please continue to use the current times allocated to your child's class. If you miss your child's time, please bring them to the main school gate, where they will be collected by staff on the front desk.

The Government guidance allows for households to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purpose of informal childcare. If you have formed such a bubble, please notify school by email to stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

During the period of lockdown, we expect all children to be collected by a member of their household, a registered childcare provider or their childcare bubble family only.

Face coverings and social distancing

The majority of our families have respected our request for adults and siblings over the age of 11 to wear a face covering whilst on the school site and to maintain social distancing. We ask that you continue to do so and to move



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away from the site as quickly as possible once you have dropped off or collected your child. We will shortly be putting 1m distanced markings on both playgrounds to assist with social distancing and ask that when you arrive to a playground that you move as far across the playground as possible, to give maximum space possible to those coming in behind you. Please keep a 2m distance from the entry points.

Early Birds and Twilight

Early Birds and Twilight will continue to operate throughout the lockdown, as it is a childcare provision.

Responding to confirmed cases of COVID-19

Education settings and childcare settings must continue to take swift action when they become aware of a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their setting. Should a case be confirmed within the St John's community, we will contact Public Health England and Somerset County Council and follow their direction.

In the event that individual children are required to self-isolate or if we are required to close classes following a confirmed positive case, we will continue to deliver remote learning for those children.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, understanding and support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Claire Marsland
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