



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

"LEARNING TOGETHER – AIMING HIGH"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## School opening

We write to confirm that, at the time of this letter, we are due to open as normal from tomorrow, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We have received a letter from Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services at Somerset County Council, urging all schools in Somerset to remain open at this time.

We are aware that another Frome first school will not be opening tomorrow, but understand that this is due to staffing issues.

If there are any Government policy changes over the course of today that result in us having to close tomorrow, we will communicate with parents via ParentMail.

All drop off and collection timings, locations and arrangements remain the same as last term. Our operational risk assessment can be viewed on the school website here:

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

Please can we urge families to follow our staggered drop off and collection timings and procedures?

- Please only come on to the playground at your allocated time – we noticed that people were arriving early at the end of last term.
- Please leave the playground immediately after dropping off / collecting your child.
- Please wear a face covering on and around the site and maintain social distancing.
- Please keep your child and any siblings with you at all times when on the playground.

It is vital we maintain the integrity of our class bubbles at the start and end of the day. We have put the timeslots as close together as possible to minimise disruption to classes and to families with more than one child to drop off. However, if we feel that the system is compromising the integrity of our bubbles, we may review this.

## Children of Critical Workers

As we are in a constantly changing situation, we are putting plans in place in case we are required to close to all but the children of critical workers at some point in the coming weeks.

If you are classed as a critical worker, please complete the form which will be sent out on ParentMail, whether or not you will need to send your child to school. If you do need to send your child in to school, evidence of your critical worker status will be required. This could be a scan or photo of a work ID card or a letter of confirmation from your employer.

Please send your evidence to [stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:stjohnsfrome@educ.somerset.gov.uk).

We would like to reassure you that keeping our children and staff as safe as possible remains a top priority.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Marsland - Headteacher



At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.