

St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy

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Return to school in September Frequently Asked Questions

When does School open?

School is open for all children on Thursday 2nd September 2021, Teachers and office staff will be available in school on Wednesday 1st September should you have any last minute questions.

How will the school keep my child safe?

Senior leaders meet regularly to ensure our policies and procedures continue to reflect the latest government guidance. Staff briefings are held weekly reinforcing our collective responsibility to keep the children safe. Priorities will be

- Prompt identification and isolation of suspected cases
- Ensuring good ventilation
- Regular and enhanced cleaning
- Promoting good hygiene and vaccination of eligible staff
- Twice weekly lateral flow testing for all staff

What time does school start and finish and where do I drop off and collect my child?

Children will be dropped off and collected from their classrooms doors (Staff will be available on the first day to show you where this is). Following a consultation where over 80% of respondents agreed to a change in the timings of the school day our **school day will now begin at 8:50 and finish at 3:00pm for all children**. In order to ease traffic in the surrounding area we operate flexible arrival. Children may arrive at any time between 8:40 and 8:50

Under what conditions should my child NOT come to school.

Your child should not come into school if they have a cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell. For all children who experience symptoms parents must engage with the NHS test and trace service by booking a test for their child immediately at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you have no internet access.

Can my child attend Care Club?

Our care club is open to all children and runs from 7:30 in the morning until 5:45 at night. Places for Care club do not need to be booked in advance and charges can be viewed under the information tab on the school website. Children will be delivered to and from Care Club to their classroom bubbles.

Will my child be in a bubble?

From September bubbles will no longer be required in schools and we can return to life as normal with children mixing throughout the school day.

What should my child bring to school in September?

Children should wear school uniform on their return and bring a bag which contains their reading book and planner together with a water bottle and packed lunch if required.

Is the new PE Kit compulsory?

From September all school uniform including PE kit is compulsory and we will be enforcing these rules. Please look carefully at the school uniform for September to ensure that your child is prepared for school.

Will children still come into school in their PE kit?

Children will be asked to come into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days, this kit must still match our uniform policy. PE days are as follows

Tuesday	Reception
Wednesday	UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)
Thursday	LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)
Friday	KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

Will parents be allowed into school?

From September we are hoping to bring back all our parent events, Shine mornings, Homework sharing and parental workshops will all be shared via the school newsletter for parents to attend.

What steps will be taken if a child or staff member develops symptoms at school?

If a child is displaying symptoms, they will be isolated in school with a staff member in a designated room. Both will be provided with PPE to wear, whilst a phone call home is made to arrange for the pupils to be collected as soon as possible. A staff member will be sent home immediately. The child or staff member will be asked to self isolate, following Government guidance and obtain a PCR test.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at school

After taking a test, if it is confirmed that a pupil or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, then the individual will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace, where the individual identifies someone as being a person who they have had close continued contact with then Track and Trace will contact the individual to ask them to self-isolate. School are no longer responsible for identifying close contacts or asking them to isolate.

From the 16th August Self isolation as a result of being a close contact will look as follows

- Close contacts will be asked to take PCR test to inform Track and trace of the next steps.
- Those who are fully vaccinated and children will not be required to self isolate whilst awaiting the PCR test result.
- Symptomatic individuals and those with a positive PCR test will be required to self-isolate

School Uniform

We understand that lockdown has meant that many families have been unable to source the correct uniform for this academic year and we have accepted a wide range of variations to both our school uniform and PE kits. From September 2021 we will be implementing our uniform policy once again, pride in your appearance and identity of you school are important values to instil in children and our uniform is designed to support this whilst still ensuring that pupils are comfortable in their learning. We also understand that the cost of logos on school uniforms can be too expensive for some families and therefore have never made these items compulsory. From September the school uniform will be as follows.

Black shoes
Grey Skirt or trousers
White polo shirt (KS1), White Shirt (KS2)
School tie (KS2)
School jumper dark navy blue with or without logo

PE Kit and Nursery uniform

Navy shorts or joggers
Navy T- shirt
Navy Hoodie
Trainers

As this year PE kit will be worn to school on PE day.

All uniform can be purchased from SMART Uniform, Hassell Street, Newcastle or by popping into the school office.

Our Year 6 Leavers

As we wish our Year 6 children goodbye we want to take the opportunity to wish them good luck and to thank them for being such a valuable part of our school family. Look at how much they have grown during their time here!

They have had the most challenging last two years of their primary education and they have dealt with this with determination, good humour and friendship. We look forward to them visiting us in September to tell us all about their new schools.

