

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

We are so pleased to have welcomed the children back into school, and we have enjoyed a fantastic week of reconnection as we settle back into our school routines. The children have impressed and amazed us with how quickly they have settled. Attendance has been excellent 98.39% and I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with every year group, as I get to know our wonderful children. It has also been a pleasure to meet families on the gates each morning.

Whilst we are still very much living through the pandemic and implementing additional strict covid safe measures, quite oddly, having all the children back has given us some sense of normality. With that in mind, I am now excited to get to know every aspect of our pre-Covid school.

During this and next term, I will be exploring and evaluating our strengths and areas for development. Your experiences and voice will be instrumental in supporting my full understanding and so I will be asking for your opinions and feedback in the near future.

You may know that the school last had an Ofsted inspection visit in 2008, since then the framework has been changed. I was really pleased to see Ofsted's shift in focus towards curriculum design and implementation, which will form one of the targets on our school development plan. I look forward to keeping you updated on our improvement work.

Social Media @StGeorgesSparks

We are really very excited to share that today, we are launching our social media pages! Our twitter, facebook and instagram pages are now live, so please like and follow them. The

platforms will be used to share and celebrate the amazing work of our school. We also intend to use them as collaboration tools, to support our school development.

As with any school and organisational social media, we very kindly ask all that engage in it, to remain respectful, considerate and kind. For any school communication, queries or concerns please contact the school office directly.

School reopening risk assessment

We would like to kindly remind parents of the measures put in place in our risk assessment to ensure we can be as Covid safe as possible. We very much appreciate your support and understanding with observing the following measures:

- Please can one parent or carer attend drop off and collection to limit the amount of crowding.
- Please wear a face mask.
- Please ensure you maintain a 2m social distance spaced at all times.

In addition to these points we very kindly ask that dogs are not brought to the drop off gates and that if you are waiting in your car, you turn the engine off.

Covid Testing

Regular rapid covid tests are available for families with Primary aged children, and therefore we have attached some information provided to us from the NHS. There has been some misinformation on social media about these tests and the information attached confirms that Primary aged children are not being asked to take the tests.

Remote learning for cases of self isolation or bubble closures

Should your child be required to self isolation please contact admin@toddstg.co.uk so that we can arrange remote learning for your child. As we expect sporadic cases in different classes, our provision for this will be emailed to you from the school year group email address. You can expect a mixture of the DfE Oak Academy recorded lessons and independent learning resources.

Hopefully we will not need to close any bubbles in school. However should we need to do so, you can expect daily class teacher pre-recorded input and independent learning, via google classroom platform, just as you experienced during the spring lockdown.

Thank you for all the very warm welcomes and kind messages that I have received when on the gate. I very much appreciate your support, and am very excited about working collaboratively as one parent, carer and school community.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Colette Lamb
Headteacher