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Dear Parents and Carers,

St. George's Mission Statement and Core Values

Lighting A Spark In Everyone - Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:15)

We have continued our work on core values, here at St. George's. We believe that every single person is unique, that everyone has special talents, and brings to the world things that no one else can. We call these talents our sparks, and it is our mission to light our sparks and "Let your light shine." (Matthew 5:15)

Our core values should be the golden threads that run through our mission statement, we want our children, families and staff to know them well, as they will underpin all that we do, from our ethos to our curriculum.

Therefore we would like to identify six core values that we as a whole community believe are important for St. George's. The children have listed values that are most important to them, (please see attached) and now we would like to invite families to join and vote for our St. George's values by completing this [google form](#), by Friday 14th May 2021. Many thanks for your continued support.

Morning Drop Off and End of Day Collection Routines

As we move through the Prime Minister's road map for recovery, we at school have been reviewing the current drop off and collection routines, to ensure that we continue to provide safe, well socially distanced protocols. Therefore we would like to make some changes to our current system, ready for Tuesday 4th May. We would like to open up the use of the front and back playground, giving adults more space to ensure they maintain 2m of distance at all times. We continue to ask you to wear masks.

	Morning Drop off	End of Day Collection
N	Remain the same time and location	Remain the same time and location
R	8.30-8.40 am Front Playground Children will enter through the classroom external doors	3.00 pm Front Playground Children will be dismissed from the classroom gates
Y1	8.30-8.40 am Front Playground Children will make their own way from the playground under the canopy to their external classroom door	3.10 Front Playground Children will be released to parents/carers in the front playground
Y2	8.30-8.40 am Back Playground Please stand toward the Year 2 green door, where children will enter school	3.10pm Back Playground Children will be released to parents via the Year 2 green door
Y3	8.30-8.40 Back Playground Please stand on the Toddington Childcare side of the playground children will enter through the classroom external doors	3.00 pm Back Playground Children will be released to parents from the courtyard area
Y4	Remain the same time and location	Remain the same time and Location

Please note that we are still unable to invite parents into the school building, and therefore access will be limited to the playgrounds. This also means that we unfortunately, we still need to ask some parents to walk around to the different collection points, as moving through the school premises underneath the canopies will not be possible at this time. We appreciate that this is adding to some parents' morning routine, and as soon as we can remove this measure of safety, we of course will. Sibling arrangements will remain unchanged.

We will be operating a one-way system in the front playground. Please enter the playground through the gate on the corner of the playground, and exit through the 'avenue' and main office gate. To keep the office staff safe and ensure social distancing please do not visit the office unless a face to face discussion is needed (i.e. dropping of medicine) and continue to email admin@toddstg.co.uk for general, medical or absence queries, or the Year Group emails for work or classroom related queries (teachers can not read emails during the day whilst teaching, so any time critical information, such as pick up arrangements should be sent to the admin address).

In terms of timings, we have not changed the times, as we understand the importance of family planning the logistical operations that is drop-off and pick up. However, I did want to give parents plenty of notice that we do hope to return to the pre-covid timings of 8.50am drop off and for Reception: 3.15pm; Year 1 & 2: 3.20pm, and Year 3 & 4: 3.25pm pick ups, for September 2021, road map allowing.

First Aid

First aid letters will now only be sent home, for more serious cuts or grazes, and for all head bumps. All other first aid, such as small cuts and grazes, will be dealt with at the time, by the named first aider in the bubble. This will reduce the amount of children needing to travel through school to the medical room.

GOLD SUCCESS The Redborne Sports Partnership sent us the happy news that we had achieved the Gold Spring Term Participation Award for entering the Basketball, Fitness and Dance County Virtual Events. This was also supported by our participation in the Sportshall Athletics competition. Congratulations St. George's!

Thank you for Supporting Us. A big thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform day last Friday on St George's Day. We have raised over £300 towards the School Environment Project. For news and updates on this project please have a look at the 'Support Us' page on our website [here](#).

Congratulations to Adam in Penguins and his family on the birth of baby Oliver this week. Best wishes from all at St George's.

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person identified with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) in Central Bedfordshire, or do you know someone who is?

If the answer is yes, then did you know that the Council's Children's Services team has a suite of resources to support people in Central Bedfordshire, called the Local Offer?

A Local Offer gives children and young people with SEND and their families a wide range of information about the support services that are available in their local area. The information covers education, health and social care support and services for people aged between 0 and 25 years.

[The Central Bedfordshire Local Offer](#) describes the provision offered in the area but also includes services outside of Central Bedfordshire which are provided jointly by neighbouring local authorities.

We would like to hear your feedback on the content to help us make it clearer, more comprehensive, more accessible and up to date. If you have any feedback, then please email local.offer@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. You can also follow the Local Offer on [Facebook](#) and [Sign up to our SEND news email service](#) to receive fortnightly SEND news updates.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- ★ How to support your child with **Phonics**: Monday 10th May 2.30 PM
- ★ How to support your child with **Reading**: Monday 17th May 2.30 PM
- ★ How to support your child with **Maths Calculation**: Monday 24th May 2.30 PM
Please book your place on the workshop using this [google form](#). You will be sent the zoom details on the day of the meeting.
- ★ Movies and Munchies Year R-4: Monday 24th May, after school

Wishing you all a lovely long bank holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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