



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear parents and carers

Final information for the return to school on Monday 8th March 2021

I write in order to share with you the final reminders in relation to the detail of our full return to school next week. We are all excited to be able to welcome all pupils back on Monday 8th March 2021 – it will be good to experience the sights and sounds of a full school again – something that we have all longed for.

I hope that you have managed to read the full information about the return which is available here:

http://stvincent.herts.sch.uk/documents/21_03_02_Wider_return_8thMarch.pdf

You are also encouraged to watch with your child a short presentation about the return, which can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/14hpPNLPsXI>

Our whole school Risk Assessment in relation to the return has been included with this letter and explains how risks will be mitigated upon return. This may be updated over time as it is a live document.

Staggered start and collection

Only one adult will be permitted to enter the school site accompanying a child. Please ensure that anyone dropping off or collecting your child understands this. You will be assigned a 15 minute window for arrival and a 10 minute window for collection based upon family surnames as follows:

Surnames	Arrive between	Collect between
A - K	8.30 and 8.45	3.00 and 3.10
L - Z	8.45 and 9.00	3.10 and 3.20

It is important that everyone sticks to the allocated drop off and collection times, unless a different arrangement has already been made.

Please do not arrive earlier than your arrival / collection time as this aims to control the number of additional adults on site at any one time. Thank you for ensuring the prompt collection of all children from school.

Symptoms, testing and self-isolation

As we return to a full school, remaining vigilant and aware of Covid 19 symptoms remains a key priority for everyone. The official symptoms remain the same:

- a persistent new cough;



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- a high temperature (37.8 degrees plus);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

There are no changes to the rules in relation to self isolation. Therefore, if anyone in the household or bubble displays any of the symptoms, everyone in the household / support / childcare bubble must self-isolate for at least ten days or until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result.

If anyone in the household tests positive, you must inform the school immediately and isolate as a family for at least 10 days.

Access to rapid lateral flow home testing

Access to twice weekly home testing is now available to all non-symptomatic adults in a household where a primary school aged pupil is attending school. This testing is for the adults and not the children. The guidance in relation to this is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

This testing cannot be used to confirm whether a symptomatic individual has Covid; in this case a lab base PCR test must be used.

Children must continue to limit what they bring to school.

No toys will be permitted. We will be asking children in KS2 to bring in a small (no more than 23cm) wipeable pencil case, which should be left in school. **A coat and a named water bottle along with class reading materials should be the only items to come back and forth into school.** In KS1 a book bag will be required. In KS2 back packs are permitted but large ruck sacks are not. These should contain only items that are necessary for school. All pupil items must be able to fit in a locker in KS2 or on their peg in KS1. Lunchboxes made of washable fabric or plastic are also advised.

Please do not return to school the work completed at home during lockdown. We will find other ways to celebrate this. Please keep hold of any exercise books and materials that have been used as these may be needed again should a bubble need to self-isolate at any point.

Uniform

I am aware that some families may be concerned in relation to uniform. Many of our children have grown somewhat since January and you may be experiencing difficulty in finding the usual school shoes and other uniform items. We understand this and, as such, will not be commenting on missing items of uniform as we return. Please keep to the uniform as far as you are able to and make sure that footwear is sensible, safe and manageable.

On days when the weather is colder you may wish your child to wear extra layers as ventilation remains a priority throughout the school.

On PE days your child is able to arrive at school wearing their PE kit.



The current staff team consists of the following individuals.

Team	Staff		Email contact
Senior Leadership Team	Mr J White (Headteacher) Mrs R Sherry (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs V Hargrave (Assistant Headteacher EYFS & KS1) Mrs C Blythe (Assistant Headteacher KS2) Mrs M Curry (SENDCo) Mrs S Lorimer (School Business Manager)		head@stvincent.herts.sch.uk rsherry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk vhargrave@stvincent.herts.sch.uk cblythe@stvincent.herts.sch.uk mcurry@stvincent.herts.sch.uk finance@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
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Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Nursery	Mrs S Humphries (Teacher) Mrs M Madrzyk, Mrs A Mojzis, Mrs Reid	shumphries@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
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Key Stage 1 (KS1)	Year 1 Stein	Mrs C Heath (Teacher) Mrs C Wallace	cheath@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
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	Year 2 Pasteur	Mrs J Cooper (Teacher) Mrs P Garland	jcooper@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 2 More	Mrs E McGuire (Teacher) Mrs M Cascarino & Mrs P Watkins	lmcquire@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
Key Stage 2 (KS2)	Year 3 Seacole	Mrs C Blythe (Teacher) Mrs K Unwin & Mrs M Banissy	cblythe@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 3 Hildegard	Miss S Culkin (Teacher) Mrs Gaetos	sculkin@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 4 Bonifacio	Mrs D Arnese (Teacher) Mrs M Copeland	darnese@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 4 Michelangelo	Mrs S Hodges & Mrs T Lawton (Teachers) Mrs C Deschamps,	shodges@stvincent.herts.sch.uk tlawton@stvincent.herts.sch.uk



		Mrs U Lief, Mrs T Withers & Mrs O Raposo	
	Year 5 Agnesi	Mr P Marsden & Mr R Jennings (Teachers) Mrs M Mooney	pmarsden@stvincent.herts.sch.uk rjennings@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 5 Teresa	Mrs N White (Teacher) Mrs R Stokes	nwhite@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 6 Shakespeare	Mrs E Glover (Teacher) Mr R Prendergast	eglover@stvincent.herts.sch.uk
	Year 6 Tolkien	Mr S Crump (Teacher) Miss L Mossop	scrump@stvincent.herts.sch.uk

Email contacts are included in order that you can contact your child's class teacher whilst there is reduced physical contact

We all look forward to welcoming the whole community back on Monday. Have a wonderful weekend.



Yours sincerely

Mr Jon White
Headteacher



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