



St Philip Westbrook
C of E Aided Primary School
'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly'

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to seeing all of our children back in school on Monday 8th March. The government has made school attendance mandatory for all pupils, unless they are extremely clinically vulnerable or need to isolate due to a positive coronavirus test result relating to themselves or a household member. I am aware that some parents are anxious about sending their child back to school and wish to reassure you that school continues to have a range of systems in place to reduce the transmission of coronavirus. We have over 600 pupils and staff who have safely occupied our school premises throughout the pandemic without passing on the virus in school. We have had relatively few positive cases and these have been attributed to household transmission rather than the cases being infected through a contact at school.

In order for schools to remain open, and not to have to close again, we all have a collective responsibility to follow the rules both nationally and in school. We also want to avoid having to send classes home and continue to ask that parents and carers remember to:

- wherever possible use personal vehicles, walk or cycle to school rather than use public transport.
- only send their child to school if they are well, and not displaying any symptoms associated with Covid-19.
- wear a face covering, unless medically exempt, on school premises.
- adhere to the staggered start and finishing times to reduce numbers. **Do not come early and only join queues at the designated time. There is a ten minute window between each year group to avoid congestion** (see table below). However, **Y6 need to be in school by 9.15 am** at the latest as all other year groups will be in school by then.
- help reduce congestion at drop off and pick up times through **only one adult** bringing/collecting their child.
- remind children not to bring items to school other than their PE kit, water bottle, snack and lunch box
- remind children only to bring their book bag on a Monday and Thursday.
- send their child into class from the designated area for their year group (same place as since September). There is the same system in place to avoid families crossing each other.
- **keep children with you** when waiting to drop off and once children have been picked up to avoid children mixing from different classes.
- email the school (stphilips_primary@warrington.gov.uk) if you wish to discuss anything with a teacher as face-to-face contact with teachers is still unable to take place. Also email instead of sending in any hand-written notes as these will not be handled. Parents will receive a return telephone call or email in response.
- **not gather** at entrance gates or doors, wear a face covering and **keep their distance from anybody outside of their own household.**

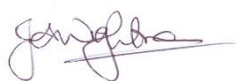
**Staggered Start and Finish Times,
with 10 minute window for dropping off apart from Y6**

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	8:45am	2:45pm
Year 1	9:00am	3:05pm
Year 2	9:05am	3:15pm
Year 3	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 4	8:40am	2:55pm
Year 5	9:00am	3:20pm
Year 6	9:10am - in school by 9.15am	3:30pm

As school attendance is mandatory from Monday 8th March remote learning will only be set for children who need to isolate. The work set will no longer include live teaching as staff will need to support full classrooms of children once again.

We look forward to being together again as a school family on Monday 8th March. If you have any further queries, please email the school office at stphilips_primary@warrington.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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