



An update from
St Catherine's Primary School
w/e 11th September 2020

Thank you!



Thank you so much for your patience and understanding at drop off and at pick up this week.

We appreciate it isn't easy and sometimes our systems are a huge inconvenience but as the numbers of Covid cases are rising we are doing our very best to reduce the risks to our school community as far as possible.

Please see the updates in the following slides.

How much time do I have at the gate in the morning?



8:45am start time - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5

The gates will open promptly at 8:45am

The 8:45am gate will close at 8:50 – once the queue has disappeared. This gives the children 5 minutes to walk to their classrooms to be registered at 8:55am. Any child not in their seat at 8:55am will be marked in as late.

How much time do I have at the gate in the morning?



Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 - 9am start time

The gates will open promptly at 9am

Please do not queue before this time. A sign will be held up to let you know what year group is currently being dropped off and collected. If there is a queue for the previous year group please stand back and use the closed section of the road (Year 2 & Year 4) to wait.

The 9am gate will close at 9:05 – once the queue has disappeared. This gives the children 5 minutes to walk to their classrooms to be registered at 9:10am. Any child not in their seat at 9:10am will be marked in as late.

What happens if I am late in the morning?



- * If you are late for your **8:45am** drop off and the gate is closed you will be asked to wait until all the children in the next drop off time (9am) are all in and then your child will be allowed in to walk to their classroom.
- * This is to prevent your child mixing with other year groups.

What happens if I am late in the morning?



- * If you are a **9am** drop off and the gate is closed please call the school office to say you are late **and stay at your designated gate.**
- * A member of staff will walk to the gate to unlock it and let your child in.

What happens if I am late at pick up?



- * If you miss your child's allocated pick up time we will ask you to stand back and wait until the next year group is collected. Once all the children have left we will hand your child over to you.
- * Any child who is not picked up by 3:25pm will be registered at the afterschool club and a charge will be uploaded onto Parentpay.

What happens if my child is an independent traveller and they are late for school?



- * If your child arrives late and the gate is closed they need to walk around to the office gate and press the buzzer. The office staff will talk to your child and instruct them to go back to their designated gate where a member of staff will meet them to unlock the gate and let them in.

What happens if my child has an appointment and returns to school??



- * If your child is returning from an appointment please go to the office gate and press the buzzer to inform the office staff you are here.
- * They will instruct you to go to your designated year group gate where a member of staff will let you in.

How are the dinner options selected?



- * So that the kitchen staff know what food to serve, when they arrive at school the staff will collect the children's meal choice for that day (this week this has been done on the day before but we are moving it to 'on the day' from Monday).
- * The meals are then boxed and delivered to the classrooms. Unfortunately we cannot cater for children who change their minds.
- * If you have signed up for school dinners please do not send your child into school with a packed lunch. The next opportunity to change your child's meal pattern is half term.

Where do I stand when I pick up my child?



- * If you have a 3pm pick up please queue from one side of the gate following the signs and keeping a distance. We advise you to wear a mask due to the numbers of people around.
- * If you have a 3:15pm pick up please wait back on the green if at the Year 5/6 gate or across the road if you need the Year 1 /2 or Year 3 /4 gates.
- * Please do not stand in the road at Elton Ave or on Vale Drive outside gate C as this is still a legal carriage way for cars to drive on. You may wait in the road in the closed section.

Can I queue to pick my child up if I'm early?



- * Please do not queue in the Year 1 or Year 3 or Year 5 lines if your child is in Year 2 or Year 5 or Year 6.
- * It is for yours and your child's safety that we are keeping year groups separate as far as possible to form a "bubble".
- * We will hold up signs to let you know what year groups can queue.
- * Please do not be offended if we ask you to stand back and wait.

My child is an independent traveller can they bring their mobile phone to school?



- * If your child is an independent traveller they can carry their non- smart mobile (one which does not take photos or accesses the internet) to and from school.
- * They must pass it to the member of staff as they enter the gate and collect it from them at the gate at the end of the day.

Tell me about the daily mile



- * Exercise is so important for our physical and mental wellbeing. After lockdown we want every child to exercise each day by running “the daily mile”. The children can walk it, jog it or do a mixture of both. They will build up their stamina and fitness levels before they know it. We want every child to beat their personal best as the year progresses.
- * The children can bring their trainers (not wear them to school) if it’s a non PE day.

Will I be told if a member of my child's bubble is going for a COVID test?



- * We will not inform parents or other members of the St Catherine's community if a member of the bubble is going for a test. This is not only in accordance with government guidelines but also respects people's privacy.
- * We are grateful to all the families we have spoken to this week for following the government advice so quickly and for keeping us informed. We want to maintain this good relationship so that all parents feel respected and valued and know they can talk to us.
- * If anyone in the bubble receives a positive COVID test result we will call PHE England and follow their advice immediately.
- * They will instruct us to inform you which we will do without delay.

Can I speak to my child's teacher about how my child got on this week?

- * The teachers will be focussing their entire time and attention on the children, especially for the first couple of weeks of this term.
- * We appreciate that parents would want to share information about their children finding the lockdown difficult and how at times they may have pushed boundaries at home. Many children may have been extremely anxious too.
- * The teachers are prepared and equipped to support the children's wellbeing and will settle them in.
- * So if you haven't received a phone call this week it means your child has had a very good first week!

How can I find out about what child is doing at school?



- * We will hold formal meetings via zoom including the curriculum meetings which will be held at 9:30 to 10:30 on the following days:
- * **Y6** Thurs 17th Sept, **Yr5** Fri 18th Sept, **Yr4** Mon 21st Sept,
- * **Yr 3** Tues 22nd Sept **Yr2** Wed 23rd Sept and **Yr 1** Thurs 24th Sept.
- * We hope to record class prayer services and activities and upload them onto PurpleMash we will let you know when this is done so please keep your child's log in details safe.
- * More information will follow.
- * In the meantime thank you so much for your support and patience it really is appreciated!