



Information for reopening of St Catherine's Primary School for all Year Groups.

Welcome back on Monday 8th March 2021!



We are delighted to welcome back all our children and staff to St Catherine's School on Monday 8th March 2021.

Whilst we want all our children in school we still have a responsibility to keep our school community safe. Please follow the guidelines in these slides which we hope respects the health and safety of our entire community as far as possible.

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Does my child need to wear their school uniform?



- * Yes please!
- * Please ensure your child returns to school in their full school uniform. We are currently in our Winter uniform. Girls can wear navy trousers if they wish. Alternatively girls can wear their navy skirt or pinafore. Boys and girls must wear black shoes (not boots)

Does my child still need a water bottle?



- * Yes definitely!
- * Our water fountains are still closed due to COVID.
- * We have drinking water in the classroom, however we do not have a supply of disposable cups for all children.
- * For safety reasons we cannot share plastic cups during the day.

What time does my child need to be at school?



8:30am start time for Nursery

8:45am start time for Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 6

The gates will open promptly at 8:45am and close again at 8:50am

9am start time –Year 2, Year 4, Year 5

The gates will open promptly at 9am and close again at 9:05am

Registration is at 8:50am and 9:05am depending on your start time.

What gate do I bring my child to?



- * Nursery will enter using the playground gate (Gate B)
- * Reception will use the same gate (Gate B)
- * Year 1 & Year 2 will use the field gate (Gate A)
- * Year 3 & Year 4 will use the office entrance gate (Gate C)
- * Year 5 & 6 will use the gate by High Barnet Station (Gate D)

Will the road closure be in place?



- * Yes. The road will be closed between the allocated times on the sign.
- * This is so parents and children can queue safely at the beginning and end of the day keeping a 2 metre distance within their year group bubble.
- * Please ensure your child stays with you and does not run or play on the road. Residents are still permitted to drive through therefore it is imperative for your child's safety that they stay with their parents and are closely supervised.

What time do I collect my child?



Nursery finish 11:30 / 3:30pm

Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 6 finish - 3pm

Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 finish - 3:15pm

Any child not collected after 10 mins from their collection time will automatically be enrolled into the after school club where a charge will be uploaded onto ParentPay.

What happens if I am late for the 8:45am gate opening?



- * 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 for the 9am gate opening?



- * 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 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 has a medical appointment please inform the school office as far ahead as possible so that a member of staff can collect your child and bring them to their designated gate.
- * If 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 will school dinners be provided?



- * Children from Year 2 to Year 6 will have their lunches in the classrooms. So that the kitchen staff know what food to serve, the office staff will collect the children's meal choice for that day during registration.
- * The meals are then boxed and delivered to the classrooms. (Reception and Year 1 will have lunch in the dining room) 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?



- * At pick up please queue from one side of the gate following the signs and keeping a distance.
- * **Please respect members of our community who may be more vulnerable than you by ensuring you keep a 2m distance and wear a mask. Unfortunately we are expecting a surge of COVID cases when all schools reopen.**
- * If you have a 3:15pm pick up please do not queue ahead of parents who have a 3pm pick up.

Respecting Bubbles.



- * Please do not mix with or queue with families outside of your year group. We will continue to keep our Year groups separate whilst in school. It is important we try to reduce the transmission rates as much as possible in our school community.
- * 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.

Will we have the daily mile?



- * Yes. The children made such wonderful progress in the Autumn Term. Exercise is so important for our physical and mental wellbeing.
- * Some children may not have had the opportunity for physical activity during lock down. We want them to regain their fitness and stamina.
- * The children can walk it, jog it or do a mixture of both. They will build up their 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.

Do I still need to let the school know if a member of the household is unwell?



- * Yes definitely!
- * Please let us know immediately if a member of the household is unwell with possible COVID symptoms.
- * We will advise you to keep your child at home until the member of the household receives a negative COVID test.

Can I speak to my child's teacher about how my child got on during lockdown?

- * 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.
- * Please complete the survey we will send you next week so that you can inform us of any changes or events in your family that may affect your child's learning or wellbeing.

How can I find out about where my child is in their learning?



- * The teachers have been completing annual reports for every child in Year 1 to Year 6.
- * You will receive them in the next 2 weeks. The teachers will inform you of where your child is academically based on their learning in the Autumn term and the learning they have completed during lockdown.
- * There will be an opportunity to make a phone call appointment with your child's class teacher if you have any questions about the report.
- * EYFS will continue with the Parent Consultations and update you with messages about your child's learning on Tapestry.

What happens if I forget something?



- * In order to reduce transmission and the risk to our office staff they have asked for parents to remember to bring their children to school with everything they need.
- * They would prefer not to keep approaching the gates to collect forgotten items from parents across the school which leaves them further exposed to contracting the virus.
- * Please call the office if your child has forgotten anything and we will ensure your child is reassured and helped.

Thank you!



- * Thank you again for being so understanding with the safety measures we have put in place. We may find that we need to change some of the measures if they are not working effectively.
- * Please be patient with us as we make changes as the days progress. We understand that this situation can be very frustrating sometimes especially when you're in a hurry. We will continue to keep you updated.
- * Best wishes from
- * All the Staff at St Catherine's Primary School