

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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*'Lighting a spark in every child'.*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Looking forward to seeing you all soon!**

I really hope you have been able to enjoy the summer holiday but I am sure many of you are also looking forward to us getting back to the 'new normal' in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

On the TV or social media, you will have heard a lot this week about how schools are welcoming children back in September. Please be assured we have been running school bubbles throughout the March – July period, and so many of the measures being talked about in the media have been working within school very effectively already. We are confident we can share the new arrangements calmly in a child centred way with the children.

We have had additional Covid-19 related guidelines over the holiday and so we have planned really carefully for any further change over the past weeks. I am keen to reassure you again, before we are back, about how school is set up to minimise risk for your child and for the school community.

We have been busy rearranging classrooms, lunchtimes, playtimes and teaching timetables to reduce risk wherever possible. School is now organised so each class is in their classroom, but is part of a year group bubble to enable relevant teaching. There is an entrance and exit routes to classes via the outside doors (unless children are going to the hall for a PE activity or bubble based collective worship time). The hall area will then be cleaned through before another bubble uses it and we have allowed time for this.

We have moved Year 4 to their bubble area in the chalets and have had more sinks fitted there for ease of handwashing, and we have plenty of new cleaning materials and more PPE in school too!

To help you feel fully informed before the start of term;

- today I have attached the **information advice**. Most of this is the same as I sent out at the end of July to answer questions and explain the new school bubbles. **This sheet also includes any new information we have received this summer which I have highlighted in green for you (see attached letter).**

- **on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** we will send you some additional ideas relating to how you may talk with your child in advance of returning to school if you wish to in case you are unsure about what to say or do for the best (this might include how school will be, any concerns they may have about the virus, or what happens if someone is poorly in school).
- those KS1 and KS 2 children who are attending Breakfast or After School club will receive a further form to complete and a separate note regarding the club itself, before the start of term.

We all want the new term to go as smoothly as possible and we will do our very best to make the start as worry free as possible so I hope the reminders below are helpful and reassure you.

Please email the office before Monday 7th September if have any queries or concerns that we can help with to ensure your child has a smooth and happy start back.

See you soon!  
Yours sincerely,

Jane Spencer  
Head teacher