

3rd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of you back to school next week! We are very aware that our families have mixed feelings about returning to school; while some are very excited and looking forward to it, for others there are a variety of reasons why they are feeling nervous. In school, teachers have planned activities for the first few weeks very carefully, ensuring a mix of curriculum work, wellbeing activities and physical, outdoor time. If there is a specific worry or concern you or your child has about returning, please do contact your class teacher on the class email address, they will be more than happy to try and allay any concerns. As you know we re-evaluate school procedures on a regular basis if we have any changes we need to address. Access arrangements will be as they were before lockdown via the side entrance next to the Church Car Park. Hopefully it will run smoothly as we are familiar with the procedure. **It is really important that you keep to the times given as other parents need to collect their children.**

BRINGING CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL HAS NOT CHANGED (Year 3 / 4 at 8.45 am) (Year 5 / 6 at 9.00 am) AND WILL BE AS IT IS WAS ALTHOUGH WE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR CHILD AS NEAR TO THE SIDE ENTRANCE OFF THE MAIN ROAD AS POSSIBLE AND STAFF WILL BE THERE TO GUIDE THEM IN AS THEY DO AT PRESENT.

Year 3 and Year 4 children will finish at 3.00 pm each day. **Year 3 parents** to wait in the side entrance and your children will be brought to you. **Year 4 parents** please enter by the side entrance and are asked to walk onto a designated area of the yard and your child will be brought to you. This will be clearly marked, please follow the guidelines. You are asked to follow social distancing etiquette when entering, waiting and leaving the school yard.

Year 5 and Year 6. **Year 5 parents** to wait in the side entrance and your children will be brought to you. **Year 6 parents** please enter by the side entrance and are asked to walk onto a designated area of the yard and your child will be brought to you. This will be clearly marked, please follow the guidelines. You are asked to follow social distancing etiquette when entering, waiting and leaving the school yard.

YOUNGER SIBLINGS WILL CONTINUE TO COME OUT WITH THE ELDEST SIBLING SO PLEASE ONLY ARRIVE FOR YOUR ELDEST CHILD'S FINISHING TIME AND AT THEIR PLACE OF EXIT.

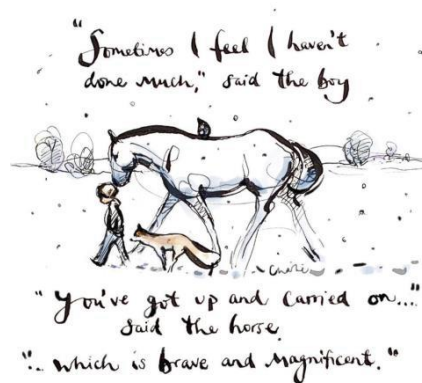
Once you have your child it is really important that you leave the premises to ensure too many people are not in the same area or standing near the main road.

- **Please do not arrive early, especially if you are 3.15 pm collection as other parents will be here.**
- **Please arrive for your oldest child's collection time and younger siblings will be with them**
- **No entry to school premises without a mask**

Water Bottles Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school daily.

While we all feel we can definitely see the light at the end of a very dark tunnel, now is not the time to become complacent; please ensure that you are following current Government guidelines with relation to social distancing, mask wearing etc. Can we remind you, if pupils are walking to/from school they should only be walking with those in their household or childcare support bubble (not their year group/class bubble). If walking alone they are permitted to walk with one other person outside their household, but must maintain a 2metre social distance at all times. If your child, or anyone in your household is feeling unwell, we ask you not to send your child to school; contact the school office for further advice. Can we also

take this opportunity to thank you so much for all you have done over this period of lockdown to keep your children safe, happy and learning.



We would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to some Job Vacancies: Cleaners & School Kitchen Assistants (not based at St. Mark's).

www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Cleaners/204317

www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering_Assistants/204318

PLEASE DO NOT PULL UP ACROSS THE CHURCH GATES TO DROP CHILDREN OFF. PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE WALKING INTO AND OUT OF THAT AREA.