

3rd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

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. Daily routines will mostly be as they were in the Autumn term, with some small changes which are outlined below.

Nursery 9.00 am start and 3.00 pm finish.

Year 2 8.45 am start and 3.00 pm finish.

Reception Class 9.00 am start and 3.05 pm finish.

Year 1 8.45 am start and 3.05 pm finish.

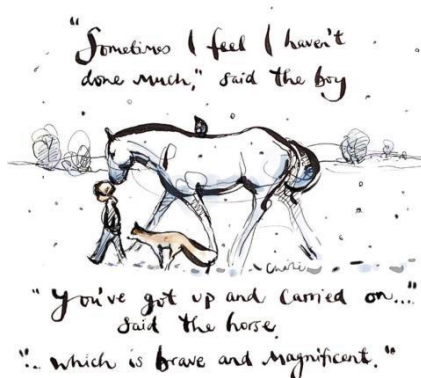
IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN OLDER SIBLING IN SCHOOL, PLEASE ARRIVE TO COLLECT ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN AT THE FINISHING TIME OF YOUR ELDEST SIBLING. TIMES AS FOLLOWS:

We understand that it is nice to catch up with other parents but we ask please that once you have collected your child it is really important that you leave the school area to ensure too many people are not in the same vicinity.

- **Please do not arrive early, especially if you are 3.05 pm collection as other parents will be here.**

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 SCHOOL GATES INTO THE HASH AREA TO DROP CHILDREN OFF.