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"Love one another as I have loved you" John 13:34 (Our school Mission)

Dear Parents & Carers,

SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL

We hope that you all had a good holiday and time to relax and spend time together. We are busy preparing for the return to school and are looking forward to seeing everyone.

The information in this letter outlines the plan for the reopening of the whole school at the start of the Autumn Term 2021 on the 6th September. We aim to be back to normal routines following the government announcements in July and August.

From September the children will not be grouped in bubbles because of changes to rules around self-isolation. We had no transmission between any groups in school and we aim to make sure we work hard to make school the safe place that it is.

From 16 August, the Government has said that people aged under 18 years and 6 months or Adults who are fully vaccinated will no longer be legally required to isolate if they are a close Contact of someone with COVID-19.

There is a separate letter that you can access here that explains the changes in more detail.

http://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/uploads/144/page/2368190_page_file.pdf

Social distancing and removal of Bubbles

The DFE and Public health have informed schools that there is no longer a need for staff or pupils to adhere to social distancing measures in school unless directed by public health.

In addition pupils are informed they no longer need to be separated into bubbles in school.

In the event of a school or local outbreak, the school will follow the advice of a director of public health, which may include returning to social distancing measures, including pupil bubbles. The separate letter has a list of frequently asked questions and this is also on our website.

<http://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/page/september-2021-welcome-back/82891>

What are we doing to manage the Risk of Covid in September?

We know that for a minority of you this may cause anxiety and I wanted to share the steps we have taken to ensure that we prioritize health and safety. We have updated our Risk assessment that can be found here http://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/serve_file/2368364



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The Risk assessment is dynamic and can be updated. The main controls are around:

1. The school, parents and staff working together to ensure any symptomatic or asymptomatic cases are not in school and suspected cases are asked to go for a PCR test.
2. Good hand hygiene and Catch it bin it kill it with washing and sanitizing of hands more often than usual.
3. Extra cleaning on top of the rigorous cleaning already in place.
4. Good ventilation and at St Alban's we have installed Air purifiers (HEPA) filters as an extra layer to ensure rooms are well ventilated and to support improved ventilation.

For More detail - please see the risk assessment and the contingency plan – both on the website.

September Risk Assessment

http://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/serve_file/2368364

Contingency plan

http://www.stalbans.wirral.sch.uk/uploads/144/page/2368192_page_file.pdf

Uniform & Equipment.

- Children will wear full school uniform including normal school shoes or trainers on PE days.
- Children can bring a book bag or rucksack into school.
- Children must not bring in pencils cases or any equipment from home of any sort including toys for show and tell.
- Coats may be required if the weather is wet. Please only bring coats if the weather requires.
- On the day children have PE they should come into school wearing their PE kit. Also if your child wears earrings they should be removed or covered with plasters.

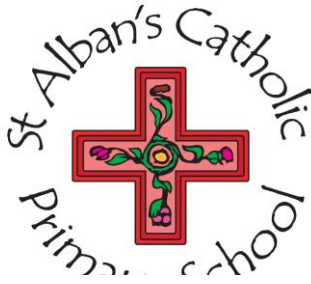
The normal PE kit of White top and black shorts and if the weather required – the green hoodie and green / black jogging bottoms and trainers.

- If your child has swimming they may come into school in their PE kit.
- If the weather is hot, please apply an all-day sun cream before your child comes into school. Sun cream cannot be brought into school.

Lunch.

- We aim to go back to the normal Lunch routine. If your child is moving to year 3 school meals are now chargeable as the Universal Meal scheme applies to those children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. If you qualify for a free school meal you can find more information here.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-pupil-premium>



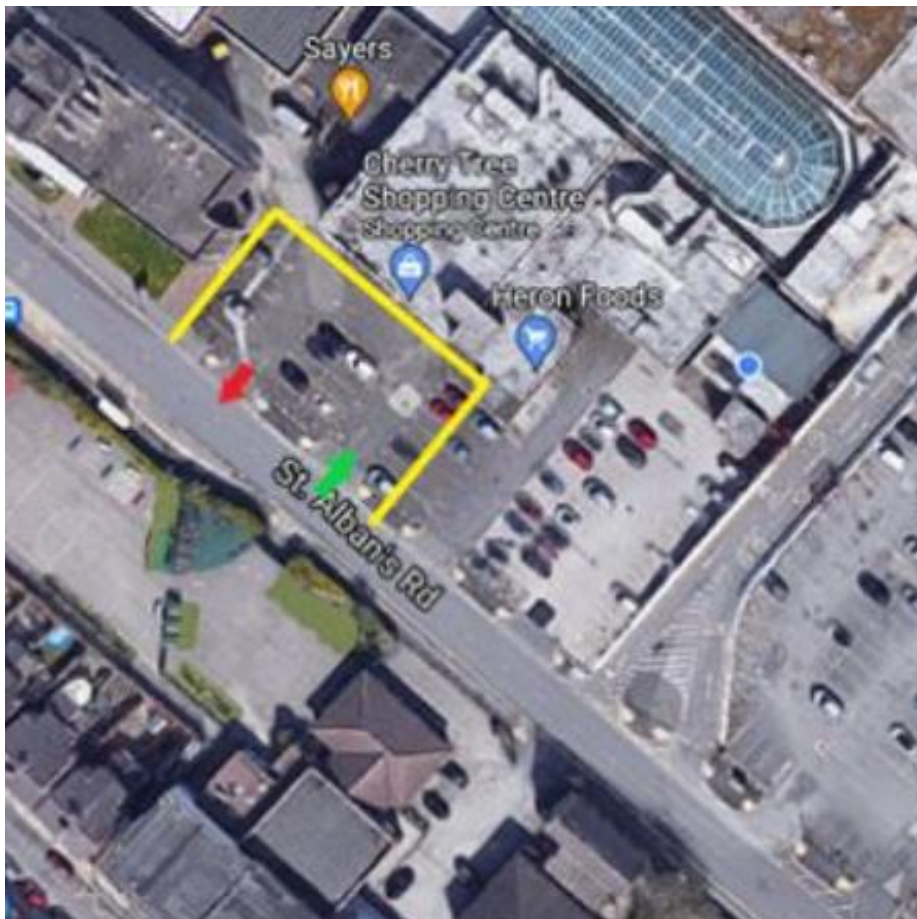
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Road Closure

We will continue with the Road Closure from 8.30 until 9 and from 3 until 3.30 as children have become used to the road being walked on after school – keep under review.

Car Parking at the Cherry Tree

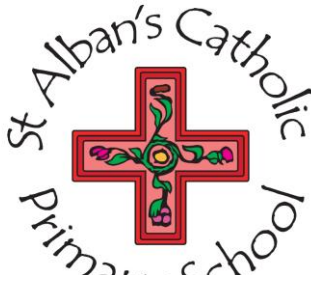
PLEASE ONLY PARK IN THE YELLOW AREA MARKED



The Cherry Tree is allowing parents to use this space WITH A PERMIT from SCHOOL

PLEASE ONLY USE THIS AREA AS THE OTHER AREA WILL LEAD TO A FINE.

We thank the Cherry Tree for giving us this area and I would advise crossing at the Lights
We will remind you in September but please be aware this is the only area where you will not be fined when you park at the Cherry Tree- - please display the school parking permit.



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Arrangements for Dropping Off and collecting your child from school.

We have reviewed our pick up and drop off routine. We have decided to go back to the routines established before the staggered times. We will be reviewing these arrangements for the first few weeks.

All year groups can enter school from 8:45 am with school official start time being 9am. Reception and Key stage 1 will finish at 3.10 and Year 3 – 6 will finish at 3.20.

Drop off

For all children from Year 1 to 6 will be through the main Reception door at 8.45 Register will be taken at 9 am.

Pick Up

Pick up will be 3.10 for children in reception to Year 1 and 2

Pick up will be 3.20 for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Communication/ Visits

All communication with school should be done via phone. If you need to speak to a class teacher, please phone school or leave a message at the school gate. Teachers will normally contact at the end of the day if necessary.

Please help me to ensure that staff have a good work life balance by conducting communication in working hours.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Take care,

Mr J McDonald

John McDonald (Headteacher)