



The Diocese of Nottingham

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UPDATED RETURN TO SCHOOL LETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are well and have enjoyed the Summer break and are looking forward to seeing you and your children when we return on **Monday 6th September**.

Staffing Update

Over the summer there have been a few changes to staffing.

Mrs Harlow has been offered and accepted a one-year secondment opportunity within the St Ralph Sherwin Trust. She will be working with the team at St Katherine's house. We're sure you will join us and the rest of the staff team to wish her all the very best in this role.

We have appointed a new premises officer, Mr Guidon and Mrs Appiah will join us as a new teaching assistant supporting in Year 4.

Derby City School Safe Haven Zone

You may have heard on the news that Derby City are trialling the above project starting when schools return. Our school is one of the first schools to be chosen to be part of this project. The signs outside of the school already state that there is a No Stopping Zone between the hours of 8.00am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4.00pm. Derby City plan to patrol the area within these times so it would be advisable to park elsewhere and walk to the school gates. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Return to School

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in September. By this time, many of the safety measures we had in place such as face masks, staggered drop offs and collections and 'bubbles' will have been removed nationally to allow school life to get back to some normality. This may of course change again, depending on case numbers locally and nationally. We will let you know if there are any changes to the plans below. We will need to remain cautious in order to minimise the risk of new outbreaks and will retain some of the measures we have in place.

In line with the latest government guidance ...

- Bubbles will no longer be in place and will meet together again as a whole school for liturgies, celebrations and for lunch in the hall – **this will start with Key Stage gatherings until the end of September**
- Face masks will no longer need to be worn but please feel free to wear one on the school grounds if you wish – **staff may also choose to wear face masks in communal areas in and outside of the school building**
- Children will continue to wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day when they have been outside and before lunch.



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Some practices that we introduced during this year benefitted the school and we will be keeping them going forwards. These include parents dropping their children off at the main school gates, continue with the one-way system around the school building, providing the children with the stationery they need and the children will continue to come dressed for PE on their allocated days.

Start of the New Term/Drop off and Collection

We will welcome all children back to school on **Monday 6th September**. Attendance is statutory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply. The children will only need to bring a small bag to fit their reading book in, their coats, lunchboxes and water bottles, as all stationery will be provided for the children in individual pencil cases. No pencil cases from home are needed.

The start of the school day will revert back to the times pre-COVID and the gates will be open between **8.40 am - 8.55 am**. **It is the expectation that all children are in school by 08:55am**. The end of the school day will also revert back to **3.15pm** pick up for everyone.

The Leadership Team will continue to be at the school gates at the start and end of the school day. Once you have dropped your child off at the gates, please leave the school entrance area as soon as possible to avoid congestion. When picking your child/ren up, please leave the school site as soon as you can and do not allow your children to play on the trim trail. If your child arrives late (after **8.55 am**), then you must remain with your child outside the school gates and contact the school office by telephone.

Class	Drop off time	Collection time and place
Reception	8.40am –	3.15pm from outside Reception classroom
Year 1 and Year 2	8.55am	3.15pm from outside Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms
Year 3 and Year 4		3.15pm from the grassed area outside Year 3/Year 4 classrooms
Year 5 and Year 6		3.15pm from the Junior playground

Reception Children

Our Reception children will start school on **Monday 6th September** and will attend for the morning only, from **9am until 11.45am**. On **Tuesday 7th September**, the children will stay for lunch so will be in school from **9am – 12.30pm**. From **Wednesday 8th September – Friday 10th September** our reception children will be attending from **9am – 3pm**. From **Monday 13th September**, the children will attend full time from **8.40am – 3.15pm**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children to our school community.



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School Uniform

Over the past year we have allowed some flexibility with regards to uniform, but now that all the retailers are open, we expect everyone to adhere to our uniform policy which is listed below. If you wish, the children can return to school in their summer uniform until the October half term. All staff will be checking that the children in their classes are wearing the correct uniform and they are taking pride in it.

Girls Winter grey skirt, trousers or pinafore (not shorts) white long sleeved blouse/shirt (no polo shirts please) maroon and gold tie embroidered maroon cardigan or jumper white knee length socks maroon or grey tights black school shoes with laces or straps for safety (no black trainers or branding please)	Girls Summer summer dress – red/white check knee length grey shorts, grey skirt, trousers or pinafore embroidered or plain – white polo shirt embroidered maroon cardigan or jumper short white socks black school shoes with laces or straps for safety (no black trainers or branding please) black or brown sandals
Boys Winter long grey trousers white long sleeved shirt (no polo shirts please) maroon and gold tie embroidered maroon jumper grey/black socks black school shoes with laces or straps for safety (no black trainers or branding please)	Boys Summer grey shorts or long grey trousers embroidered or plain – white polo shirt embroidered maroon jumper grey socks black school shoes with laces or straps for safety (no black trainers or branding please) black or brown sandals
PE Kits Indoor maroon shorts white PE shirt, embroidered or plain suitable indoor footwear	PE Kits Outdoor plain black, navy or grey tracksuit/leisure suit (no logos please) white PE shirt, embroidered or plain trainers

All items of clothing and personal property should be clearly labelled, with the child's name, for easy identification. Children are allowed to wear a small cross. Watches may be worn at parents' own risk but must be removed for all sporting activities. No Smart watches are allowed under any circumstances. Only small stud type earrings may be worn but the school will not accept responsibility where such items become damaged or lost or cause personal injury. Children must be able to take these out for themselves for P.E activities for safety reasons.

We would also like to reiterate our expectations for hair styles and accessories. Children should not have fashionable inserts cut into their hair e.g. logos, or tramlines or wedges. Coloured hair extensions are also not allowed. Children with long hair should have it tied up or back, with a small functional band and all hair accessories should be small (no large 'Jo-Jo' bows please) and of the school colours. Dyeing or bleaching of hair is not allowed in any form.



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Thank you so much for your continued support in ensuring that our children wear their uniforms with pride.

PE days – Children can continue to come to school in their PE kit on their allocated days below.

Tuesdays – Year R, Year 6

Wednesdays – Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Staffing

Below is the list of class teachers and support staff for September 2021.

Class	Teachers	
Reception	Mrs Farmer	Mrs Bird
Year 1	Miss Myles	Mrs Doherty
Year 2	Mrs Finlay/Miss Gould	Mrs Cripwell
Year 3	Mr Fry	Mrs Sanger
Year 4	Mrs Nixon	
Year 5	Miss Jones	Miss Richardson
Year 6	Mrs Guidon	

Communication

From September 2021, we will be providing the children with reading diaries rather than the diaries the children would have traditionally had. If you need to contact or make an appointment with your child’s class teacher, please either email the teacher via the year group email below or put a note in the reading diary. The school office and Leadership Team can be contacted via the admin email address or via telephone.

Email
Reception@djf.srscmat.co.uk
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Year4@djf.srscmat.co.uk
Year5@djf.srscmat.co.uk
Year6@djf.srscmat.co.uk

Please can we remind all parents that shouting, threats, intimidation, rudeness and/or swearing will not be tolerated; whether face to face, over the phone or in written communication. Such incidents are always referred to the Head and Chair of Governors and may result in a ban from the premises or limiting of communication for a set period of time.



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Breakfast and After School Club

We are really pleased to be able to resume the wraparound care from Monday 6th September. This will be run by Premier Education and will open at **7.40am**. After School Club will run from **3.15pm – 5.45pm**. **To make a booking please contact Premier direct on jjennison@premier-education.com 07980 276488 or via their website www.premiersport.org**

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions via email admin@djf.srscmat.co.uk
We are looking forward to seeing you all again in September where hopefully we will have an uninterrupted year.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the rest of your summer.

God Bless

Mrs Brett