

Pupils' and Parents' Reminders about School Opening in September 2020

We are delighted to be welcoming you all back in September. Thank you for all your hard work on TEAMS and for managing so well with remote learning.

This is an unusual start to a new school year and we want to remind you and reassure you about some changes that we have in place to keep you safe.

We have all the information on our website, but below are some answers to some questions you might have.

We are excited to see you in September and if you need any support please contact the school office.

When will my child return to school?

The return to school will be phased, beginning with Year 11 and Year 7 pupils. This is to ensure pupils are properly supported and inducted into the routines. The table below shows the return dates and the daily start and end times for your child; **pupils must be punctual to avoid loss of learning and mixing of year group bubbles.**

Year Group	Date of return	Time of attendance each day
Year 11	Wednesday 2 nd September	8.45am – 3.40pm
Year 10	Thursday 3 rd September	9.05am – 3.40pm
Year 9	Friday 4 th September	9.05am – 3.40pm
Year 8	Thursday 3 rd September	8.55am – 3.30pm
Year 7	Wednesday 2 nd September	8.55am – 3.30pm

Attendance

Coming to school is really important for well-being and to ensure learning. It is your duty to ensure that your children attend school. You must contact school every day if your child is too unwell to attend school. Under no circumstances must you send your child to school if they have Covid-19 symptoms. However, you must contact the school to inform us of this. Our Attendance Officers will be supporting Parents and Carers to bring all pupils back to school in September.

What should I do if I am shielding or self-isolating?

If a pupil is not able to attend because they (or a family member) are complying with advice from a doctor or public health advice please let us know immediately. Pupils who cannot come into school can access all learning on TEAMS.

What changes have been made?

The school is fully prepared so that all children can safely return to school in September.

Our website has a video showing how our school will operate, along with the Risk Assessment. There are more details in the Guide to School Changes in Response to Covid-19 booklet, again you can find this on the website. If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

Pupils will be in Year Group 'bubbles' and will remain in these bubbles, as per the government guidance. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be in class bubbles and will have the majority of their lessons in their 'bubble base'. Year 10 and 11, pupils will be in half-year group bubbles to allow them access their GCSE subjects and to prepare for examinations.

The school building will have 'bubble zones' and outside space has also been designated to Year bubbles'

Hand washing is scheduled at regular times throughout the day. Sanitiser gel is available in all classrooms and at several stations throughout the building.

There is a one-way system in operation and all classrooms have been arranged in-line with government guidance.

How will my child be ready for lessons in September?

The St. Hild's "Head Start" tasks are lessons to help your child prepare to progress to the next academic year. Your child's teachers will be assessing this work in September and making use of it in lessons. We ask that Parents/Carers keep encouraging the completion of the "Head Start" tasks and the use of TEAMS and other online resources so that your child can achieve their best.

What if my child forgets their password or login?

There is technical support available by contacting the school or emailing using itsupport@st-hilds.hartlepool.sch.uk

What are the expectations around uniform?

Pupils should return to school in September in full uniform. Strict adherence to the school uniform policy is required. Please familiarise yourself with the schools' uniform policy on the website.

Pupils **should wear their PE kit** on the day that they have a PE lesson. There will be no PE in the first week.

How will school travel be affected?

Pupils should where at all possible walk or cycle to school.

The School bus service will be running at the same time as last year on the morning. The return journey will be 10 minutes later than usual due to the staggered finish to the school day. Parents/Carers will receive a letter from Hartlepool Borough Council to explain the new code of conduct that all pupils must follow, to ensure that pupils are safe. The code of conduct includes a recommendation to wear a face covering and a Year Group seating arrangement. Pupils who are entitled to a bus pass will also receive it via the post. Parents who wish to purchase a travel permit will be able to do so from Hartlepool Borough Council, although there are limited permits available.

Alternatively, parents/carers may use Parent Pay to purchase daily tickets.

For those who travel to school on public transport, the linked guidance must be followed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

If pupils travel to school by car, please use the school drop-off area to allow pupils to safely exit the vehicle. Please do not park on the yellow lines, outside of the school grounds.

How can Parents/Carers pay for catering and transport?

The school is completely cashless in-line with Government guidance. We are making use of Parent Pay due to Covid19. Letters with your child's details have been sent by post; if you need any support with this please ring the school office. The Parent Pay website, with details on how to load money onto Parent Pay or use Pay Point is <https://www.parentpay.com/>

What will my child need to bring to school?

As little as possible! Do not bring a bag. We will provide each pupil with their own resources that will be in their 'bubble base'. This is so resources are not shared and that pupils do not need to bring bags and equipment to school.

Pupils should also bring a bottle of water. The water fountains will not be in use and water will be available for pupils to purchase at lunchtime.

What are the lunch arrangements?

Pupils will have staggered lunches. School meals are still available. If pupils bring in their own packed lunch please reduce any packaging so that large bags/boxes are not being carried to school and home.

What will my child be learning in September?

Teachers have developed a “recovery curriculum”, designed to support the children both academically and emotionally when they return. In order to accommodate this, we have temporarily adopted a 1 week timetable; this will be reviewed when Government guidance is updated.

All pupils will have a lesson of PSHE a week to support their wellbeing and to ensure that they are adjusting to new routines and expectations.

We will still be using TEAMS and home learning will be expected to support pupil progress.

How will I be informed of any changes?

It is important that we have the right contact details for you so that we can contact you. **Please help us to contact you swiftly by having a working mobile number and email.** We will keep you updated via our website, Twitter and School Cal.

How can school support parents?

We are here to help with any issues you have. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or concerns. **Your child’s wellbeing and learning is central to all we do. Working together we can support your child better.**

What to do if you or your child has Covid Symptoms

Your child must stay at home

Get a FREE NHS test by calling 111 or go online <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Please inform school immediately

What if a family member you live with has tested positive for Corona Virus?

If your child has been in contact with the person who has tested positive for the virus, they should stay at home for 14 days from the day you were last in contact with the person – it can take up to 14 days for symptoms to appear.

How will my child successfully return to school?

To ensure pupils are successful we need a strong Parent/Carer/ School partnership. This involves good communication and shared expectations. **If there are any issues at all please let us know.** We have new procedures in place to ensure social distancing and rigorous hand washing, that are in our community’s best interest. In the instance of any pupil refusing to follow our risk assessment Parents/Carers will be contacted immediately.

To ensure pupils are confident and ready to learn in class and remotely at home on TEAMS, please support home learning.

We are so looking forward to teaching your children again and seeing them please let them know they have been missed and we can help with any little worries.

Thank you so much for all your support and we really look forward to seeing your children back in St. Hild’s Church of England School in September.