

Friday 4th September 2020

## Dear Parents/Carers

It is wonderful to have all our children back in school. Things may look a little different as we go about our daily learning but everyone has been so patient and sensible, and I'm sensing that the children are excited and happy to be back in school.

Thank you for helping us by socially distancing, keeping to the staggered times and communicating with us through email and phone calls. We are fine tuning end of day routines and will be sending a revised system for pick-ups this afternoon.

Following our ongoing COVID risk assessments and DFE guidance we have provided all the children with a water bottle which they will bring home tonight. We ask that they take it home for washing each night and bring it in every morning with fresh water. This can be refilled throughout the school day.

Timetabling of PE lessons for children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be different this year, with sessions delivered on a two week rota basis. For Week 1, the children will remain in their school uniform and participate in a less exertive PE session, for example 'walk a mile' or skills based activities. For Week 2 children will come to school already dressed in trainers and outdoor sports clothing and will take part in more strenuous and challenging PE activities including team games.

We will be providing all children from Year 1 to Year 6 with a navy blue St Andrew's hoodie which will be sent home next week. We ask that additional sportswear includes blue or black joggers or sports pants, white or blue plain t-shirt and trainers. Weather permitting, all sessions will take place outside so it is important that sports clothing is suitable for outdoor activities. Children in the Early Years will participate in movement and coordination activities as part of the Early Years foundation stage curriculum.

Thank you for adhering to our uniform policy including ties and shoes. Although children will be bringing their water bottles and lunch boxes to school, we ask that no bags are brought in at this stage. Reading books will not be sent home, but we will be providing details to access an online Book Club shortly.

Please don't hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns or questions.

With very best wishes

Mrs J A Rainford (Head Teacher)

Dear God

Please remember all our children who have started back in school

That they begin this new year of learning with open minds and open hearts

That they grow in knowledge, wisdom and love And are aware of your loving presence Amen

