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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another successful week at St John's this week with wonderful learning taking place in every classroom and even some cooking happening in Maberley Hall. The school is gradually becoming more like the school that we knew before March and each week we are making further positive steps towards operating as we did before, whilst ensuring we still operate within the guidelines.

After school clubs

Next week the after school clubs will be back up and running and children will have opportunities to participate in fencing, gymnastics, football and science to name a few. All clubs have been organised within bubble groups and will finish at 4.30pm.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is available for all children on Monday through to Friday from 8am. Please book your child's space in advance if you would like them to attend, this can be done through the link sent out by the school office (<https://forms.gle/1DDqj6UxcCodaN4B9>).

Parents evening

We are delighted to be able to offer every parent an appointment with their child's class teacher under the current Covid restrictions. A virtual parents evening will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Details of how to access your virtual appointment will be sent out to you next week. Please help the evening run smoothly by sticking to your appointment time.

Attendance and sickness for those showing symptoms of Covid-19

The school's protocol for children showing symptoms of covid-19 was sent out to parents at the start of term and is as follows.

When a child calls in sick or goes home from school sick, the office team will ask the parents or carers if their child has any of the following three symptoms:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If the parents or carers answer yes to one or more of the symptoms, the child is required to self-isolate for 10 days from day 1 of the onset of symptoms **OR** until they receive a negative test result. As you will have heard in the news, testing is currently not widely available but they expect that this will improve over the next few weeks.

Tests can be booked online at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> (or by calling 119)





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Help with testing can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/contact-us/get-help-with-asking-for-a-coronavirus-test/>

If the child has a negative test result, they can return to school as soon as they are well.

If the child has a positive test result they need to stay off school for 7 days and they are required to alert the school and engage with the track and trace system. At this stage, the school will contact the DfE to notify them that there is a positive case in the school. The DfE will then provide instructions for the school's next course of action which *might* include bubble closures. All schools must follow the instructions given by the DfE at this point.

In the case of bubble closures, home learning will be provide for children via Google Classroom. Home learning is not expected to be undertaken by children who are unwell.

Please note, this protocol is subject to change as and when the government's guidance is updated. The school will inform parents and carers of any changes or updates to this protocol as and when they occur.

Google Classroom

In order to keep Google Classroom active and children au fait with how it operates, all homework will be posted on Google Classroom. Work can be submitted to Google Classroom in the form of a photo, a video, a scan or a document upload.

This will also reduce the number of items being passed to and from school.

Meet the team!

As a staff we are aware that the current restrictions on social interactions have meant that we have not been able to see our parent community as much as we would like to. For this reason the staff are putting together a meet the team letter which includes photos of all the staff along with their job roles and bubble groups to help you put faces to names until a time when we can all meet again in person. The letter will be sent out on Monday.

I hope that you all enjoy your weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read

Interim Executive Headteacher

