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## SEPTEMBER 2020 - WELCOME BACK!

Dear parents and carers,

To families new and not-so-new, welcome to the new year at All Saints'. It's been a really positive first few days back into school. The overwhelming response from pupils has been one of resilience and happiness to see their friends and teachers and a great commitment to learning again. There will be more than a few stifled yawns to deal with as we meet the weekend but we hope that you are finding similar positive messages coming home to you at the end of these first few days.

We will do our best in the coming weeks to assuage any lingering worries related to specific safety measures within school with reminders and by responding to your specific queries.

Firstly though, we have a celebration of the first week with the following comments from pupils:

### What have you enjoyed about being back at school?

#### Key Stage 1

- Toby (1F): I like having playing time with my friends  
Margot (1F): It's nice to see my friends and play with the number board.  
Ophelia (1F): I love this cake I'm having...\*  
Ben (2M): I like my new pencil case with camouflage on it!  
Isla (2M): I've enjoyed seeing my friends and learning new things.  
Poppy (2M): I enjoyed doing maths and like it that the work is getting harder.

#### Key Stage 2

- Jossie (4E): I've enjoyed maths.  
Mabel (4S): I've like doing my work in class.  
Ben (4H): I've liked seeing my friends again.  
Stanley (6T): School has been excellent to come back to.  
Julian (6B): I've had more fun being back at school than at home.  
Angus (6B): I was a bit nervous about coming back but now I'm happy.  
James (6F): All the new rules aren't that hard to follow – they're straightforward. It's been good seeing my friends.  
Various children in years 3&4: MONKEY BARS!

*\* NB: comment taken during lunchtime*

If you read to the end you'll also see some lovely pictures.

### REMINDERS

#### COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

Should you have a concern about anything related to your child – be it pastoral, academic or otherwise, please contact the office by email ([office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsilkeley.bradford.sch.uk)) or phone (01943 607852) so a message can be passed onto the child's class teacher and/or group teacher (Years 3 – 6).

This system allows for efficient communication and also marries with our efforts to keep visitors to a minimum. Once they receive any messages, teachers will endeavour to get in touch with within a reasonable timeframe. If your concerns are more urgent, we will, of course, deal with them more quickly.



## LUNCHTIME

Our lunchtime routines have undergone a huge change to accommodate the size of each bubble group in school (i.e. four bubble groups consisting: foundation, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6). One aspect of this is that some pupils who bring a packed lunch are currently eating outdoors in set areas of the playground. We have the benefit of shelter in many areas of school and contingencies are in place should the weather deteriorate. A balance is necessary here as time outside is advised wherever possible as it limits infection amongst individuals. Some schools have chosen to eat in classrooms, but this would bring its own organisational challenges such as enhanced cleaning measures.

## STAGGERED STARTS AND ENDS OF DAYS

You may have seen in the media that staggering starts and ends of days (as well as break times in school) is one of the essential measures recommended by the government to limit the spread of infection.

After a couple of days of settling in, our morning and after school routines are becoming more refined each day - thank you for your patience.

We are pleased to have remained consistent with our correspondence back in July about timings of staggered drop offs and pick ups. However, we must also make a polite plea to parents and carers to stick to their allotted times and to maintain social distancing.

We are fully aware that, until Foundation stage pupils start full time on September 21st, there will be more Year 1 and 2 pupils being dropped off at Westville Rd in the morning (rather than Easby Drive). It is therefore even more important that those in the 9.00 am slot wait until then to drop off their child.

Can we also remind you that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. Thank you again!

## SCHOOL BOOKS

Please can we ask that any school books/reading folders that were taken home at lockdown are returned to school asap

## PE DAYS

We have a hall, playground and terrific MUGA for our PE lessons. After a first week where lunchtime routines and class time have rightly taken precedence, PE lessons will start again next week:

1F, 1KM	Monday and Tuesday
2M, 2B	Tuesday and Friday
4S, 4E, 4H	Wednesday and Friday
6B	Monday and Thursday
6T and 6F	Tuesday and Thursday

Please can your children come to school in their kit that day, i.e.:

- White polo/t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Sports trousers will be required for winter months
- Dark trainers/pumps
- Dark trainers are required for Year 3/4 and 5/6 for outdoor games
- Red sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo are available

<https://www.allsaintsilkey.bradford.sch.uk/school-uniform/>



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### **YEAR 3 AND 4: SWIMMING**

Many swimming pools remain closed for now. We have heard from Bradford Aquatics that this remains the case for school lessons and will keep you updated if and when things change.

### **NEW: GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS (WEST YORKSHIRE)**

We have been made aware of a new service:

*“The service will be for anyone suffering any form of grief and loss, or worried about losing someone, whether this relates to a family member, friend or member of their community. It is also available to those feeling impacted by the deaths of public figures and/or the volume of deaths across the country. A loss may not have been directly caused by the virus, for example, someone may have been unable to visit a loved one during an illness or see them in their final days.”* <https://www.wyhpartnership.co.uk/our-priorities/mental-health/grief-and-loss-support-service>

Thank you for reading this far(!) I am mindful of overloading you with too much information but if there is anything you would like to clarify, please contact the office by email ([office@allsaintsilkey.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@allsaintsilkey.bradford.sch.uk)) or phone (01943 607852).

Best wishes,  
Mr Cooper



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**MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS:**

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, or welcome for the first time if you are a new All Saints' parent!

We hope that you had as restful & fulfilling summer break as possible, and that you are looking forward with us to the opportunities that the new school year brings!

Our main role as chairs of the governing body is to support & help the senior leadership of the school as they strategically plan ahead for what will undoubtedly be another challenging year as we face the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 situation.

Mrs. Robinson, our Headteacher, is still absent for personal reasons, and we would ask you to continue to respect her privacy. As soon as anything substantively changes we will update you as a priority. In her absence, Mr Cooper will remain as Acting Head, ably supported by key members of the senior leadership team and the governing body.

Normally there will be a number of events at which we, and other members of the governing body, would have the opportunity to meet parents in person. We'll be regularly reviewing how we as a governing body can engage directly with parents and carers over the coming months. In the meantime, you can contact us through the school office.

Kind regards,  
Mike Coe and Emma Dowson  
Co-chairs of Governors

