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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome back

It has been so fantastic to see everyone from Reception to Year 6 return this week. The smiles on everyone's faces says it all – we're glad to be back! Every reception pupil came in without tears and we are extremely proud of them. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families including a few new faces in the Juniors. It is lovely to have you join Team St Andrew's!

The children have been so well behaved and are following all the routines and rules that are in place to keep us all safe. Congratulations to our first pupils of the week of the year (photos on Twitter). To be fair, every pupil has been a super star this week!

Staggered start/drop off

A huge thank you to for following our one way systems at drop off and collection times. The system is working well so far. Over the next 2 weeks our numbers at these times will be increasing as Reception and Nursery build up to full days/sessions. Therefore, the arrangements will be as follows:

3pm	Bus children escorted to the Bus
3pm	Parents of Nursery and Reception pupils will line up on the red spots . These parents will enter first and follow the same one way system. If there are older siblings, you will be asked to rejoin the red spots outside the gate.
3.10-3.20	Any parents on the red spots will be allowed in to collect siblings from Y1 to Y6 first. Then those parents on yellow spots will be allowed in as usual.
3.20	Y6 pupils walk home (where we have been received permission)

These may seem regimented measures but I do believe this is the simplest way of doing it.

As we reach full capacity, we will see an increase in the numbers of adults. Therefore, please can I ask only 1 adult per family to enter the queue/site. At drop off, if the children are happy to go in without you then please feel free to drop them at the gate. Remember no dogs on site and please remember to observe social distancing at all times.

Symptoms and Testing

Please read the email I sent out earlier in the week about coronavirus symptoms and testing. If you have any issues accessing testing for your child, please let us know as we may be able to help. Please note, this is only with regards to pupils with symptoms.

Uniform

As we now end week 2, we will be expecting to see all children in full uniform next week 14th September. This includes shoes - **no trainers please**. (With the exception of well-being days – see below)

PE/Outdoors

As a school, we recognise the importance of pupils' well-being and the fact that this is key to success in all other areas of their school life. We have therefore decided to have a focused well-being day for each class every week. This day will include PE, outdoor learning, Values and other activities to enhance good mental and physical health. Organising it this way will also help with managing the strict contact groups

and issues over PE kit etc. On their allocated day, the pupils can come dressed in PE kit and trainers. This is as follows:

- PE t-shirt in the colour of their house. We have these available from the office. Alternatively your child can wear a plain t-shirt in the correct colour. No brand logos please.
- Black shorts, joggers or leggings. No brands or stripes please.
- Any trainers
- Usual school jumper i.e. red (doesn't have to have the school badge)
- The children should bring a sensible coat with a hood every day – but especially on their well-being day.
- They will need wellies. For pupils in Nursery to Year 4, please provide a pair of labelled wellies that will remain in school. Year 5 and 6 will need to bring labelled wellies on their allocated day but at present we cannot store them in school.

In order to give you time to organise, I will confirm the days with you next week and we will begin the system w/c 21st September.

Lunch/Snack

- Please ensure all snack pots are labelled.
- If children bring in a piece of fruit, please ensure they are able to open/peel it and for hygiene reasons ensure it is in a labelled disposable bag.
- To avoid choking, grapes must be sliced lengthways. Cherry tomatoes should also be sliced in half.
- Due to an allergy in a school, no nuts are permitted in the school.
- Mrs Lewis asks that the children only bring a lunch box with their snack inside as there are issues with storage in our Reception classroom. No rucksacks please.
- A healthy snack and water/milk is provided in Nursery. We ask for £1 per week towards the cost of the snack. In order to avoid contact between adults, please put £5 cash in a labelled envelope and bring to the visits next week. This payment will take you up to half term.

Breakfast/After School Club

A separate letter will be coming out from governors next week.

Contact details

We are hoping (and praying) that we will be able to remain open to all pupils for as long as possible. However, given the current situation with some schools in Wales, we could face a partial or full closure at any time. Please ensure we have up to date contact details – email and phone numbers as we need to ensure all communication methods are open to us. Whether this is for a situation when your child becomes unwell whilst in school; for track and trace requirements; or for home learning etc.

We look forward to welcoming Nursery to school next week. Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Headteacher

Our value this half term is Thankfulness:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. (Psalms 100:4)