



# St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 1 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have felt so blessed this week to reopen the school with all our pupils. To see smiling, happy children bouncing into school and so proud to show off their learning has made all the hard work and risk assessment writing worth it. We had an ITV TV crew here on Wednesday and they were so impressed with our school and our children that they want to come back. If you caught the news report, hopefully you saw an almost 'normal' school day with children sitting and learning with their peers and playing in their class bubbles. Children understand the preventive measures we have in place and are very used to hand washing and sanitising regularly and they are sticking to their bubbles brilliantly. I am incredibly proud of all of our pupils and thank you to all of you for supporting us in reopening the school.

We have also been delighted to welcome our new Busy Bee families on site this week as home visits have become socially distanced school visits and we cannot wait for them to start next week. I talked about a new start in my worship this week and how the start of new school year is an opportunity to do something different or improve on something and I am incredibly excited to see what this new school year will bring and what improvements we can make.

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## NEW TIMINGS & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Thank you to everyone for respecting our new drop-off and collection procedures and please bear with us as we continue to review and make tweaks to try to make it work for everyone. This week has seen a great improvement in the number of cars in the Hewish car park and we are grateful for your support. We have everyone's safety in mind and we ask that you continue to help us by respecting the social distancing guidelines and remain 2 metres apart from others wherever possible. For your information these are the current timings:

Morning arrivals - gates are open from

@Hewish 8.20-8.45am (one-way system in operation – everyone can enter through the side gate and leave through the playground gate)

@West Wick 8.15-8.40am – (please remember no parents should be parking in the school carpark.)

Afternoon collections

@Hewish *non-siblings* 2.50-3.00pm *siblings A-L* 3.05 *siblings M-Z* 3.20

*There are two full quart buses -the first leaves at 2:50 and the second at 3:00 ish*

@West Wick KS1 3.00pm KS2 3.10pm

From next week we would like year 3 children @ WW to be picked up at the end of the day from the hall door to alleviate overcrowding at the front of the school. Please help us with this. All other classes should be collected from their classrooms.

Please can we remind you that only **one parent should drop off** or collect to minimise the number of people on site and we ask that you leave again very promptly. Please encourage children to enter the school independently especially children in year 5 and 6. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please do this by phone or email to support social distancing.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have been so impressed with how smart our children have looked this week as they have returned to school especially as we know how challenging it has been to get uniform. If you have found it difficult to find uniform, we do have a small amount of preloved uniform available. Please contact the school



for help. Please remember that children should not be wearing jewellery to school apart from small stud earrings.

### DRINKS

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day as we are unable to offer drinks in our shared cups. As a healthy school, we encourage your child to only bring water in a bottle, not squash. Please help us promote drinking water as part of a healthy lifestyle.



### LUNCHES

School lunches are cold lunches at the moment but from next week we will be serving fish & chips in a bag on **Fridays**. All children can order in the usual way (by telling their teacher in the morning) and payment for KS2 is via ParentPay. We are exploring different ways in which we can provide hot lunches for our children whilst following social distancing guidelines on both sites and will keep you updated about the arrangements but for the time being, cold lunches will continue to be eaten in class bubbles in the classrooms.



### WELLIES & WET WEATHER GEAR

Please provide your children with coats **every day** as they will be having breaks outside in all weathers as one of our COVID measures. Because we have children in different zones for their play, many of them will be on the grass areas on both sites until they get too muddy and unusable so if your child has welly boots they are more than welcome to bring them to school and change into them for their outside play.



### NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please can we remind everyone that we are a **nut-free school** and that snacks and lunch boxes must not contain anything nutty. This is to ensure the safety of our children who can have severe allergic reactions to nuts. Your consideration and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Circumstances are always changing, especially during the current climate so if you think you are eligible for free school meals please apply.

There are two schemes for free school meals:

- universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school
- free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so:

- you're eligible for other financial assistance for items such as school trips
- the school can receive funding for the free school meals

Follow this link for eligibility and application:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/schoolmeals/freeschoolmeals/>



Our value this term is Thankfulness. We have many things to be thankful for and I for one am very thankful that our wonderful school is back open to all our pupils again. I am thankful that we have such supportive families and an amazing teaching crew. With this newsletter, you will receive a Thankfulness home values sheet with activities to share with your children. What are you thankful for?

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