



## Information for Parents - updated 26.2.21

Questions I may have	School's current response
<p>Will the site look different?</p>	<p>Yes, there will be a number of changes made to help support social distancing between groups and personal hygiene. A queueing system will be adopted at the school pedestrian gate. Parents will be given a drop off and pick up point and time, so we can manage arrivals and reduce the number of people arriving at the site at any one time. Arrival times will be between 8.30am and 8.50am. Collection times will be between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. You will receive a separate communication detailing the arrival and departure times for your child(ren).</p> <p>Each child will have an entry and exit route. Only a designated number of children will enter and leave the site at the same time. No parents or pupils other than those attending the provision will be allowed on the school site.</p> <p>Every child will need to use hand sanitisers as they enter the school site/building.</p> <p>Soft play and absorbent resources will have been removed from all areas of schools.</p> <p>Hand sanitising stations will be placed at entry points, in classrooms and around the school site. Children will be directed to use these stations and to wash their hands thoroughly, at frequent intervals throughout the school day.</p> <p>We will be sending photographs and further information once all the changes have been put in place.</p>
<p>What hygiene procedures will be in place?</p>	<p>Hand-washing posters are on display and reminders will be given often.</p> <p>Desks will be cleaned at the end of each session.</p> <p>In KS1 and KS2 children will have an allocated desk that only they will use, and this will be cleaned at the end of the day. All children in KS1 and KS2 will have a drawer underneath their chair/desk to keep their belongings in one space and they will not be allowed to share items. EYFS pupils will have a drawer in a designated space for the same purpose.</p> <p>We will provide children with a set of all necessary equipment e.g. pen and pencil. Children may bring a limited amount of additional stationery (e.g. sharpener / colouring pencils), which must be kept in a pencil case and this must stay in their designated drawer. Pupils will be allowed to bring their homework diary and reading book every day.</p> <p>Please do not send into school unnecessary items, <u>one small bag is permitted, this will be kept on their peg.</u> If your child brings a bookbag, that will count as their single bag. Pupils may also bring their lunch in a lunchbox (unless they are having a school lunch), a water bottle (no cups will be provided on site), and suitable clothing for the weather. If the weather is very hot, and a longer lasting sun cream cannot be applied in the morning before coming to school, pupils may bring a bottle of sun cream for their own personal use. Unfortunately, adults will not be able to support with the application of sun cream. Pupils in Year 1 – 6 may choose to bring one healthy snack for breaktime. Pupils in EYFS will be provided with a healthy snack and so do not need to bring one from home.</p> <p>No bikes / scooters etc will be accommodated on site so will either need to be taken home by the adult accompanying them to school, or pupils should not use them for transport to school.</p>

<p>What will my child be learning?</p>	<p>We aim to offer the full breadth of the curriculum to all pupils, wherever possible. However, modification to the curriculum may be needed after the period of partial closure, so priority will be given to addressing significant gaps in pupils' knowledge with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum content by no later than summer term 2021.</p>
<p>Will my child be able to have specialist music tuition?</p>	<p>As part of a broad and balanced curriculum we will continue to offer pupils the opportunity to receive specialist music tuition later in the autumn term. All specialist music teachers will be expected to comply with the school's arrangements for managing and minimising risk, including taking particular care to maintain distance from other staff and pupils.</p>
<p>What about my child's wellbeing?</p>	<p>The mental health and wellbeing of the children is important and as part of a PSHE curriculum, we will be talking to children about mindfulness every day. We will be using Thrive and the Jigsaw programme to support healthy minds. If the weather is good, children will take part in Marathon Kids and other well-being activities outside. Current measures regarding social distancing and increased hygiene will be explained to the children and we will encourage all children to follow them whilst in school. Learning outdoors will be encouraged when reasonably able to do so considering curriculum and weather.</p>
<p>What time will my child have to be in and for how long?</p> <p>Will my child come in every day?</p>	<p>All children will be returning to school on a full-time basis.</p> <p>Over the autumn term, as routines have become embedded, we noticed that we do not need fifteen minute slots for the pupils to enter the site safely, and so we have reduced them to ten minutes.</p> <p><b>Pupils in Years 1 - 6:</b>  Years 2, 4 and 6 arrive 8.30am - 8.40am, Years 1, 3 and 5 arrive 8.40am - 8.50am via the large gate on Halifax Road. Other siblings can arrive at the earliest time for that family group. Please continue to encourage your child to maintain social distancing whilst entering the site.</p> <p>Key stage 1 pupils (plus KS2 siblings if relevant) can be collected at 3.00pm, Key Stage 2 pupils can be collected at 3.15pm, from the large gate on Halifax Road. <b>We politely request that adults dropping-off or collecting pupils from school wear a face covering.</b></p> <p><b>Early Years Pupils (Reception and Nursery)</b>  All Nursery and Reception pupils arrive between 8.30am and 8.50am for their usual hours through the EYFS pedestrian gate. Collection for Reception pupils will be via the large playground gate on Halifax Road, Nursery pupils will be collected via the EYFS gate where they arrive in the morning. The morning session for nursery pupils ends at 11.45am, and afternoon session ends at 2.45pm (collection must be by 3.00pm if not booked into after school wraparound care).</p>

<p>How many children will be in my child's class?</p>	<p>Classes will return to full capacity.</p> <p>The government guidance recognises that maintaining the consistency of groups is vital. It is important that our grouping of children keeps them as safe as possible, but also allows us to offer the full breadth of the curriculum, including opportunities for specialist teaching. Risks will be minimised by implementing a range of controls, including good hand and respiratory hygiene protocols, ensuring that those who are unwell (or whom live with those who are unwell) do not attend school, and enhanced cleaning of the environment.</p> <p>At TGPASJ pupils will stay within their class groups and opportunities for mixing will be tightly controlled.</p>
<p>What will the lunchtime provision be like for my child?</p>	<p>Children will remain in their group at lunchtime. We remain committed to offering hot meals for all who want them. All pupils will eat their lunch in the hall. Children will not be able to mix with other children in other groups during any part of the school day including break times and lunch times. Children must bring their own labelled water bottle from home every day. Water bottles must not be shared, and cups will not be provided.</p>
<p>Do the usual behaviour rules apply?</p>	<p>Our Tudor Values are more important in these extra ordinary times.</p> <p>Tolerance – this is a new way of working for us all – there may be some teething issues.</p> <p>Unity – we are in this together and must work together to abide by the social distancing rules.</p> <p>Democracy – we must be patient and raise any concerns in a sensible manner and using the correct lines of communication.</p> <p>Opportunity – we must make the most of the opportunity to return to full time education and any online learning available to us.</p> <p>Respect – EVERYONE MUST RESPECT THE RULES. Expectations of behaviour will be even more important so not to put anyone at risk.</p> <p>Adhering to the agreed rules in regard to hygienic practices is extremely important.</p>
<p>Would my child have to wear uniform?</p>	<p>This is the first step towards trying to bring a sense of normality back for pupils. We believe wearing uniform is an important part of school feeling normal. Pupils will be expected to wear <b>normal full school uniform</b>, including blazer and tie in the relevant year groups. Please see the uniform list here <a href="https://www.stjames.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform-list/">https://www.stjames.tgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform-list/</a></p>
<p>What happens if my child is injured on site?</p>	<p>A named first aider will attend to your child and you will be contacted, in line with usual protocols. The staff member will wear PPE, gloves, apron, or facemasks to protect your child and themselves, where appropriate.</p>

Will my child be seeing their regular teacher?	Your child will be taught by their designated year group staff for the 2020/21 academic year.
My child has SEN, will they get extra support?	<p>Quality first teaching, which takes into account the learning needs of all the pupils in the classroom, underpins our general practice. It includes providing differentiated work and creating an inclusive learning environment. Where possible, within groups, additional interventions and small group support will be offered to support the progress of pupils with additional needs.</p> <p>If your child has additional needs and you have concerns about your child returning to school after a long break, please speak to Mrs Lynch.</p>
Will my child have to wear a face mask?	At the moment, the government guidance is that this is <b>not</b> recommended within schools. Changing habits, cleaning and hygiene are effective measures in controlling the spread of the virus. Our view is that wearing face coverings would pose a significant contamination risk, would be detrimental to communication and uncomfortable for pupils to maintain for a whole school day.
<p>My child is clinically vulnerable, should they come back to school?</p> <p>A member of my household is clinically vulnerable, should my child come to school?</p>	<p>In future there will be far fewer children and young people advised to shield whenever community transmission rates are high. Therefore, the majority of pupils will be able to return to school. Current guidance regarding shielding can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Please contact school if you would like further support.</p>
Will I be fined for not bringing my child to school?	<p>School attendance will be mandatory again from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. It is important that all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing, and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. To enable pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and on time every day that the Academy is open unless the reason for absence is unavoidable, as poor attendance results in students making less progress.</p> <p>However, we understand people remain anxious at this difficult time and we are here to support you. We would ask you to contact us to discuss any concerns you may have about your child returning to school.</p>
What happens if you have a case of Covid-19?	Parents would be contacted to collect their child. Individuals who have spent time in close proximity to that individual will be asked to leave site and isolate for 10 days. If there was an outbreak, groups or school may need to be closed for a period of time to allow for a deep clean.