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Dear Parent/Carer,

Where has the time gone? I can't believe that we will be back to school again next week! I hope that you have all had a lovely summer holiday and have been able to rest and have fun with your children.

We have been busy scouring the updated guidance from the Government and have had to make a couple of changes to the plans that I sent out to you at the end of term. They are:

- Class 2 will now join Class 1 and Class 1/2 to form a Key Stage 1 bubble. This will make it much more manageable to hold catch up sessions and interventions with children across this Key Stage. This **does not affect** the drop off and pick up times for Class 2.
- Class 3 will join Class 3/4, making a bigger bubble. This will mean that there is no class on its own and again it will make it easier for us to manage interventions in school, with the current restrictions that are in place. **Class 3 will now start school at 9:00 and will finish school at 3:15.** I apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Bubbles will now be:

Bubble 1 = Reception

Bubble 2 = Class 1, Class 1/2 and Class 2

Bubble 3 = Class 3 and Class 3/4

Bubble 4 = Class 4 and Class 5

Bubble 5 = Class 5/6 and Class 6

START OF DAY

	Gate 1	Gate 2	Gate 3
8:45 – 9:00	*Class 2	Class 1 and Class 1/2	Class 6 and Class 5/6
9:00 – 9:15	Reception	Class 3 and Class 3/4	Class 4 and Class 5

*Class 2 will enter school through the front office doors and walk to their classroom through school.

END OF DAY

	Gate 1	Gate 2	Gate 3
3:00 – 3:15	*Class 2	Class 1 and Class 1/2	Class 6 and Class 5/6
3:15 – 3:30	Reception	Class 3 and Class 3/4	Class 4 and Class 5

*Class 2 will wait in the small playground area outside of the office doors. They can also wait inside in the reception area, if needed.

Please stick to these times, as it will help to reduce the number of children coming into contact with others who are not in their bubble.

If parents/carers arrive early, I ask you to wait on the other side of the road to school, this helps to reduce the number of people coming into contact with each other at the school gates. This system has been used since June and it worked well.

The Government have changed its guidance on the use of face coverings. To help clarify this, face coverings can be worn by children coming to and from school but they should not be worn in school as they can have a negative impact on teaching. If your child does wear a face covering they need to be applied, worn and removed safely. Government guidance states:

- Hands should be cleaned before and after applying the face covering.
- Hands should be cleaned after touching the face covering.
- Children should be told not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when applying/removing it.
- Face coverings should be stored in individual, sealable plastic bags between use. Children can store them in their school bags and apply them when they leave school.
- If a face covering becomes damp, it should not be worn and it should be replaced carefully.

We are all looking forward to seeing you and your children again next week. The government have said that returning to school is vital for children's education and wellbeing and the attendance of all children is now compulsory. However, if your child is ill with symptoms of Coronavirus (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss/change to their sense of smell and/or taste) please keep them at home. This will help to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

If you think you or your children may have symptoms I ask that you contact school to let us know. You will also need to follow government guidance and we encourage you to participate in the test and trace service. Guidance can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

You can order tests on the internet, over the phone or go to a testing site:

- **Self-referral website:** <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>
- **Wakefield Covid Testing Service on 01924 224497**
- There is a Covid-19 Walk-through Testing Site – Kirklees. The address is: Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing Car Park, Queen St, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury WF13 3BT. You need to book an appointment in advance.

Although school won't be as it was last September, the staff here at St James have tried very hard to make school as 'normal' as possible for the children. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone back and I can't wait for the hustle and bustle of a full school again. I am certain that guidance for schools will continue to change over the coming months, and that this will affect the practise in place in school. I will keep you informed and up to date with any changes that we may need to make but I will also ensure that we do the best that we can for your children.

I hope that you all have a restful last few days at home and we look forward to seeing you all back again on Tuesday 8th September.

Best wishes,



Beverley Minor
Headteacher

