

6th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## September Wider Opening - Provisional Plans for Year 1 to Year 6

We are putting together plans for wider opening in September, **however** this is very much dependent on:

- Government guidelines;
- the rate of infection;
- the outcome from our Directors meeting in late August.

If it is deemed that we are safe to fully re-open in September we will communicate this via Twitter and the school's website. A safe re-opening can only happen if we manage to avoid large numbers of staff, pupils and parents being in one place at one time. Therefore, to ease initial congestion in the first week back in September, we have decided to stagger pupils' start dates. This is to help parents and pupils familiarise themselves with the class entrances and exits, and the measures that have been put in place to keep the risk low in terms of contracting COVID. This may mean that siblings have different start dates and we apologise in advance for this. However, by giving you early notice we hope that you can have time to manage childcare.

### Staggered start dates (dependent on Government guidelines, 'R' Rate and Directors Decision)

Date	Year Groups to arrive at school
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1 & Y6
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1, Y6, Y2, Y4
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1, Y6, Y2, Y4, Y3, Y5

***A separate letter will be distributed to communicate the start dates for Nursery and Reception pupils to best support a smooth transition.***

To support social distancing in September, pupils will not line up at the beginning of the day on the yard; instead, all entrances will be open and we ask that children 'freely flow' into the building from 8:45am – 8:55am. We have produced videos of our various entrances so children know exactly where they need to go when they arrive. The video links for these are available on the Class Organisation letter (attached with this email). We also request that parents **do not** enter the school building; staff will be on hand to ensure that pupils know where to hang coats, bags etc. It is important that children arrive at school on time and, to ensure safeguarding, the school gates will close at 9:00am promptly. Children arriving after this time must be signed in at the school office and social distancing must be observed.

**PLEASE TURN OVER**

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For those children who receive the Free School Meal Vouchers, and are not scheduled to be in school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 'Grab Bags' will be available for collection from the school kitchen between 11:30am – 12:30pm. If your child falls into this category and you would like to receive a 'Grab Bag' on these days, please send an email to [FSM@stbedeacademy.org](mailto:FSM@stbedeacademy.org).

**The Government have announced that all children are required, by law, to return to school in September and therefore attendance will be monitored and action taken where necessary for any unauthorised absence.**

As always, a massive thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Rostron  
Head of School

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