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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our St. George's Newsletter. This week saw Year 6 return to school. They have had such a fantastic attitude towards their learning and their peers and it is a real pleasure to have them back into school in what will be their last step along the way of primary education.

Now that we have Reception, Year 1, Year 6 and our Childcare Hub back, school is once again becoming a place in which our Values of compassion, integrity, forgiveness, perseverance, respect and responsibility can begin to thrive. The challenges of the past few months have brought us back an even stronger team than ever and although it is one step at a time, we are ready for the journey ahead.

We are pleased to let you know that now teachers are back in classrooms, they will be organising social Google Meets with their classes at home on Fridays. We are fortunate enough to be able to extend this to all our classes and it will be wonderful to, hopefully, achieve our target attendance of 97% at least! We are in the process of finalising the technology around our Google Classrooms, so that we can conduct these calls whilst maintaining security. We will be giving you more information about this soon.

We have also organised that the classes still at home will be invited to come into school on one Friday before the end of term and have a teaching session with their class teacher, Ms Slater and one of our vicars. Your child will be in a group of no more than 15 children. We ask that children attend these sessions wearing their school uniform in order to return to and feel a valued member of St. George's Hanover Square. On the week that your child is invited into school, there will not be a Google Meets call, but they will be invited to join a Google Meet call on the other Fridays until the end of term.

We are also in the process of welcoming and carrying out a handover with our new Headteacher, Mr Paul Musetti, who will be starting in September. Mr Musetti will be visiting us on a number of occasions over the next four weeks. We look forward to welcoming him and ensuring that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Stars of the Week ☺

		Our wonderful Stars of the Week			
Reception	Year 1 A	Year 1 B	Year 6 A	Year 6 B	Childcare
Yam	Emma	Lily	Georgina	Archie	Amelle

Yam for making everyone in reception smile and for fantastic adding one more to a number up to 20!

Emma for showing a very mature and caring attitude to her friends in the bubble.

Lily for being an enthusiastic learner who always tries her best and for being a kind and helpful friend to all her peers.

Georgina for reading with eloquence, writing with passion and relishing challenges in Maths.

Archie has shown a mature approach to his learning and a positive attitude in class. He has followed the Golden Rules and conquered his fear of being back to school!

Amelle for her creativity and thoughtful contribution to class discussion.

Gardens

Sadly it has been brought to our attention this week that some of the children and families are not respectfully abiding by the park rules of Mount Street Gardens. We have had reports of children using the bushes as bathroom facilities, using their scooters and bikes on prohibited areas and families not adhering to and supporting their children in following the rules of the garden.

Please could we ask, that the gardens are treated respectfully and children continue to follow government guidance around social distancing and hygiene even when not in school.

Keeping in touch visits with children in Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 and Google Meet calls

We are missing the children from Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5. It would be lovely to see them even for a short amount of time and we want to let them know that they are very important to us. Children's mental health and wellbeing is very important and we want to do what we can to support your child.

We are in the process of setting up weekly Google Meet calls with their teachers. Please await further information via email over the coming week, and we will be launching these virtual meetings on Friday 26th June.

As previously mentioned we are going to invite your child into school for a "Keeping in touch" visit. We hope that the session in school will give the children a chance to see some of their friends face to face, to provide a supportive space for your child to talk about their feelings and questions around Coronavirus and lockdown and also, just as importantly, have some fun and feel welcome back at school.

The dates for the sessions are:

Year 2 Friday 26th June 11.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Year 4 Friday 3rd June 11.00am – 12.00pm and 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Year 3 Friday 10th June 11.00am – 12.00pm

Year 5 Friday 10th June 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Please ensure that you arrive promptly for the drop off and collection of your child on their allocated day and time. Please line up, following our social distancing markers along the pavement by the school entrance. We will send further information nearer the time.

Protective measures we have in place

We have put in place measures since we reopened to some classes from 1st June to ensure we can keep children and adults as safe as possible, following guidance provided by government. This has been informed by the need for good hygiene and for **social distancing as best we can, given the challenge of working with young children**. In their guidance, "Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020," the government said:

"We know that, unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff."

Some of the steps we have put in place include:

- Asking that anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, not to attend the setting. That includes children and staff who work here.
- Keeping children in small groups and minimising contact with other groups.
- Cleaning our hands more often than usual. Children will wash their hands as they enter, during the afternoon and before they leave. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly, or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensuring our children understand good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the setting.
- Implementing an enhanced cleaning schedule, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment.
- Asking parents and carers to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.
- Asking children not to bring toys or other items from home to the setting, unless this is essential to their health and wellbeing.

What can parents and carers do to help?

Please help us with maintaining our safety measures, by arriving promptly and maintaining social distancing as your child comes into school.

To support social distancing

- Thank you for your co-operation in supporting social distancing at all times.
- Only one adult per family will be able to drop off and/or collect your child.
- Please do not arrive any earlier or later than your allocated time.
- The main school office will be closed to visitors, but is contactable by phone/email.
- **Parents will not be able to enter the school building.**

Can my child bring in anything from home to school?

- Please leave all bags, toys, books, etc. at home, including pens, pencils etc, which will be provided by the school. Children should not wear watches and jewellery.
- Children may bring in their water bottle for the duration of the visit.

Confirming that your child will attend their keeping in touch visit:

- Please telephone us or email the school office to let us know that your child will be attending their keeping in touch visit.

We look forward to welcoming as many children back to school as possible. Please phone the office if you have any queries, we are happy to help.

Please make sure that you read our letter to parents dated 29th May. You will be able to find this on our website – Information for parents – Coronavirus Information. This will answer many questions that you may have about bringing your child back to school and the measures that we have taken in order to be in line with government recommendations around reopening the school.

We also ask that if your child and any of your family are feeling unwell and are displaying any symptoms outlined below, **please do not come to school** and inform the office immediately.

If your child becomes unwell with COVID 19 symptoms during the day, we have set up an isolation room where they will wait and be collected by their parent or carer.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – go to [testing](#) to arrange.

A prayer remembering God is with us

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (name how you are feeling) because (reasons you are feeling this way).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

Amen.

Learning from Home

We are so proud of how you have all embraced your Learning from Home over these past few months. The teachers have frequently commented on how diligently you are all engaging with your learning and how keen you have been to share what you have been doing.

						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Bronze Alexander Aluna	Bronze Hiyabel James Aiyanna Basmah Len Jacob Jeronimo Silver Hiyavel Aiyanna	Bronze Emily Lisa	Bronze Ariana Ashley Karim Hoor Silver Sam	Bronze Mohammed	

						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				Max		

Dates for your diary

Friday 17th July

End of the academic year 2019-2020.

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With warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

Ms Petra Slater, Head of School and Mrs Rebecca Harris, Executive Headteacher

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus whilst at school - a parent's guide.



Dear parents / carers,

Your child _____ appears to have the following symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) (Head of School, Ms Slater, to tick here, as appropriate)



new and continuous cough



high temperature



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

You need to do the following:

1. Take your child home immediately to self-isolate.
2. Call **111** to book a test for your child, **or** visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 to book a test for your child online.
3. **DO NOT WAIT! Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest!**
4. **Please let the Head of School (Ms Slater) know** immediately you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test, by calling the school office on
5. **020 7629 1196**
6. If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
7. If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.