



# The Messenger



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*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm delighted to welcome everyone back to St Gabriel's. The school full of children is how we are meant to function and they have been brilliant in their attitude in coming back. We are all

adjusting to new procedures and these are changing rapidly as we seek to make the school safe for everyone. Thank you for your patience these first few days back in coming into school. We are constantly monitoring where we can improve things for you and the children in trying to keep things running smoothly and safely. The school risk assessment is published on the website [http://www.stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/752854](http://www.stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/752854) which again we are monitoring weekly as follow up actions will be required. We will keep updating the Coronavirus Update page also which is where we have uploaded all correspondence from before the summer and letters sent last week.

Thank you also for simply coming back to school. I know there is still some fear and anxiety within our community but the attendance so far this week has been brilliant. We are trying really hard to keep to guidance, manage procedures and keeping all safe whilst bringing the school back to how it should be. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Entrance and Exit Times:**

To further improve the start of day arrival we will be trying to get Y1 and Y2 classes into school through the gate used for 'Whizz Kids' next week. We are

calling this the Yellow gate (see site map). This will allow all of KS2 to go through the main gate (BLUE) as usual but Y1 and Y2 at the same time as Y3 and Y4. Again we hope this will aid a smoother drop off and exit for yourselves.

We will continue to utilise the hall for siblings to be dropped off to Mrs Stevenson where the children will wait with other siblings before accessing their classes.

Class Entry:	Lane entry	ENTRY MAIN GATE BLUE	exit	Parents Wait
Y6	I	8:30	3:20 main gate	Lane I by school noticeboard
Y5	I	8:35	2:55 main gate	
Y4	I	8:40	3:00 main gate	
Y3	I	8:45	3:05 main gate	
		<b>ACCESS to KSI GATE YELLOW</b>		
Y2	Middle	8:40	3:00 FRONT Fire exit	Signed Middle Lane by lamp post
Y1	Middle	8:45	3:05 FRONT Fire exit	
Rec		9:00	3:00 hall doors	
Reception Transition ½ days (first 2 weeks)		9:00 1:00 hall	11:30 hall doors 3:00 hall doors	
Pre-School		From 8:30	3:00 pre school	

Please note the lanes upon entry into school \* see site map attached

The exit times for Y1 and Y2 will also change as we seek to release two classes together. We will widen the middle lane near to where it will meet the car park where we will ask Y1 and Y2 parents to queue (socially distant of course) at their given time. Y2 at 3:00, Y1 at 3:05. The exit lane will still be used then by parents from both classes to exit the school, so please be aware of any potential congestion. We will try to make sure this is as smooth as possible.

### Lunch Boxes

Lunchboxes can be used from Monday of next week. 😊 Please ensure they are wiped clean before coming into school and they are cleaned each day upon return. You can still continue to use disposable bags which can be disposed of easily should you wish.

## **PSHE/Safeguarding**

Class letters will also be sent today and published on the website re the learning approaches for each class. One of the topics all classes will be looking at is a safeguarding programme by the NSPCC. We will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule)

## **Parent Consultations**

We are currently looking at ways for these to happen safely this term. We will keep you updated and give you as much notice as possible.

## **Nut allergies**

Please don't send nuts/ or anything containing nuts as part of your child's lunch into school. We have several children who have nut allergies who would experience severe health problems. Thank you.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. Stay safe.

E J Byrne

Headteacher