

Plans for a September return Friday 17th July

Following the publishing of guidance from the DFE I am now able to share with you more detailed plans for a return to school for all children in September.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming the children back, although that will look a little bit different to usual! Those of you whose children have been in school with us since June will have already grown accustomed to these changes and I know you will agree that the return has been a happy and calm one. With your support, I know September will be the same.

Returning to school is vital for children's education and their well-being so I need to ensure I have put in place protective measures for children and staff, which ensures St Breock children return to an environment which also allows them to thrive.

The DFE have put into a place a system of controls which I hope will reassure you and will effectively reduce risks in our school and create a safe environment.

Prevention		
Control Measure	St Breock	
Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring	Children who have symptoms or family members who have	
those who have COVID-19 symptoms, or someone in their	symptoms must not come to school. If a child attends school	
household does, does not attend school.	with symptoms they will be isolated and collected.	
Clean hands thoroughly and more often	Children will wash/sanitise hands on entry to the classroom	
	throughout the day, at snack time, at lunchtime and before	
	and after using various equipment or books.	
Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the catch it, bin	The children will be educated in this as part of new routine.	
it, kill it approach.		
Introduce enhanced cleaning	Cleaning timetables in each room with cleaning routines	
	throughout the day. Toilets cleaned twice a day. Equipment	
	used across bubbles to be thoroughly cleaned after use.	
Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social	Children and staff to remain in class bubbles, which reduces	
distancing wherever possible. (schools must consider this and	the need to maintain social distancing at all times within the	
put into place measures that suit their circumstances)	bubble. Specialist staff may cross bubbles and should try and	
	keep their distance from pupils and adults. Staggered start,	
	finish, break and lunchtimes. Children will not mix with other	
	bubbles at break and lunch times. Only essential visitors, with	
	an appointment, will be allowed into the building and will not	
	have contact with bubbles. All other contact should be via the	
	phone or hello@stbreock.org.uk contact.	
In specific circumstances wear appropriate PPE	PPE is available for staff attending to children in isolation	
	displaying symptoms. Face visors may also be worn by	
	vulnerable staff members as a protective measure recommended by GP. Face visors may be worn by EYFS staff if	
	contact is required at handover.	
Response to any infection	contact is required at handover.	
Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process	Those with symptoms will be asked to book a test and inform	
	the school of results. They will need to contact Test & Trace to	
	advise them of those they have been in contact with who will	
	also need to book a test. They will then need to self-isolate and	
	follow 'stay at home guidance'.	
Manage confirmed cases	We will engage with our local health protection team as soon	
	as we are aware that a child or staff member has tested	
	positive for COVID-19 and follow their advice. They will get in	
	touch with the school if they become aware that a member of	
	staff or child has been in close contact with someone with a	
	positive test result and we will follow their advice.	
Contain any outbreak	If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days or an	
	overall rise in sickness where COVID-19 is suspected we will	
	contact the health protection team who will advise us if	
	additional action is required.	

We are working hard to ensure children and staff are kept safe and have an expectation that as families attending the school you are also following social distancing measures and avoiding mixing with other class bubbles where possible. I appreciate how difficult this can be, but safety of children, staff and families must come first. We also want to reduce the risk of the school having to close or a local lockdown.

Local Lockdown

In the event of a local lockdown we will be providing the children their curriculum via Google Classroom. It is essential that you ensure you are familiar with accessing this. The class teachers will be revisiting this with the children during the first week back, so they are also prepared.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

Below are the intended start and finish times for each class. It is important that parents stick to these times and do not arrive on site earlier or later as this will increase the risk of contact between bubbles.

For FS2 we have planned a phased introduction so that children get to explore the environment and build their confidence. Smaller groups on the first few days enables us to support your child to settle in and means we can really get to know them individually. I will email you separately with details as to whether your child is in Group A or Group B.

Pod	Arrival/Pick up
Beacons	9.30am classroom door. Queue up the slope to Beacons Gate. (sessions run 9.30-12.30 morning session and 12.45-3.45pm afternoon session) 3.45pm pick-up (2.45pm Fridays) Beacons Gate
FS2	9.15am classroom door. Through Beacons Gate and parents out through KS1 playground. 3pm/2pm Friday pick up - KS1 playground. Monday 7 th – Group A morning including lunch 1.15pm pick up KS1 playground. Tuesday 8 th – Group B morning including lunch 1.15pm pick up KS1 playground. Wednesday 9 th - Group A all-day 3pm pick up KS1 playground. Thursday 10 th – Group B all day 3pm pick up KS1 playground. Friday 11 th – All children all day 2pm pick up KS1 playground.
Y1	9am classroom door via Beacons Gate and parents out through KS1 playground. 3.30pm/2.30pm Friday pick up - KS1 playground.
Y2	8.45am classroom door via Beacons Gate and parents out via KS1 playground. 3.15pm/2.15pm Friday pick up - KS1 playground.
Y3	9am classroom door via KS2 playground, down steps and parents out via KS1 playground. 3.30pm/2.30pm Friday pick up - KS2 playground.
Y4	8.45am classroom door via KS2 playground, down the steps and parents out via KS1 playground. 3.15pm/2.15pm Friday pick up - KS2 playground
Y5	9am classroom door. Through side gate. Parents out via KS1 playground. 3.30pm/2.30pm Friday pick up- Semi-Circle
Y6	8.45am classroom door. Through side gate. Parents out via KS1 playground. 3.15pm/2.15pm Friday pick up- Semi-Circle.

We are operating a **one-way system** from your child's entrance point around the school so all traffic, except for Beacons, exits via the KS1 playground.

In order to reduce our foot fall on site we ask that only one parent drops off and picks up, where possible this should be the same parent. Please remember, other than drop off, there will be no parking on site, so ensure you allow enough time to get to the classroom on time.

I am happy to support those parents with multiple children to drop off and pick up. If your children have different start times, I ask that you drop all children to the door of the earliest start time. Here they will be able to move straight through the classroom, through an open door into the corridor and access their own classroom, where their class teacher will be ready to receive or collect them. The reverse of this will happen at the end of the day should your children have different finish times. Children will be able to follow the sibling's class out to the earliest pick up point via our internal corridor. Please make sure your children and/or the class teacher is aware of pick up arrangements. I know once we get into the swing of this it will happen very smoothly.

Lunches

Children will be able to choose from a hot meal, a school packed lunch from the Bistro or bring in their own packed lunch in September. We will have a menu available before we return. All those in KS1 will still be entitled to their universally free school meal. Please remember those of you with children moving from Y2 to Y3 in KS2 will no longer be entitled to a free school meal and will need to ensure payments for them are made through Parent Pay. If you do believe your circumstances have changes and therefore your child/ren may be entitled to a free school meal, please follow the link on the homepage of the website to apply. Those in KS2 who are entitled to free school meals will continue to receive it. To begin with Beacons children, staying for lunch, will only be able to purchase a school packed lunch or bring their own from home.

Brocks

Brocks will be open with limited availability. This will be available to book in weekly blocks from September. Breakfast Brocks will run from 8am – 9.30am at a cost of £3.50 which includes breakfast. After school Brocks runs from 3pm (2pm on a Friday) – 6pm at a cost of £7.50 for first child and £6.50 for each additional child Mon-Thurs, £10 and £9 for additional child/ren on a Friday, which includes a snack.

Library and Reading Books

Please could you return any library or reading books you have at home to the black box we have outside school by 12pm on Wednesday. Mrs Martell has been doing an amazing job giving the library a huge sort out and wants to add all the books currently logged out to the shelves before we return in September. We will be operating the library and reading scheme through class selection boxes. The children will be able to bring their reading book to and from school in their book bag.

I cannot wait to have all the children back in the building in September. It has been a challenging four months for everybody in our community and I am sure there will continue to be challenges. However, I now know how much we can overcome and achieve together!

I want to thank you, the children and my AMAZING staff for your/their ongoing support and hard work this year. Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

Mrs Hall

