



Education Resources
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Return to School Information Letter for Primary 1 - 7th August 2020

Dear Parents and Families, Boys and Girls,

Welcome to St Elizabeth's Primary School, we are delighted to have you join us as our families and new boys and girls in Primary 1. We are looking forward to seeing all our new children on Wednesday and we hope they are excited about coming to school.

School Uniform

Our lovely school uniform should be worn each day and children are required to wear suitable shoes and jackets for outdoor learning as this will be a prominent feature in our curriculum. It would be very helpful to have all clothing/packed lunch boxes labelled clearly as we will not have a lost property box. Children should not bring a change of shoes. Our preference is that children do not bring a school bag although we recognise there may be personal items required, such as packed lunch box/bottle of water/snack, so please therefore minimise the items and the size of the bag where possible.

Please note, we will be providing all school stationery - jotters, scissors, glue, rulers, coloured pens/pencils, calculator etc - and so it is not necessary for the children to bring these from home. We would appreciate your support in helping to explain the importance of not sharing resources in school.

Day 1

The children are timetabled to begin at 10am and you should come to the main gate from 9.45am. 2 adults may accompany your child and you will be allowed to take photographs at the front of the school however we ask that social distance guidelines are followed and we will need to help each other do this during the drop off and pick up of the children.

Due to the guidelines, parents are not allowed in the school building and so staff will be on hand to take your child and guide them to their classroom. We understand there will be children who may become upset and this can be upsetting for yourselves – we will help as much as we can and as experienced staff we have many tricks up our sleeve to help keep children, and mums and dads, calm! Please try not to worry, we will work together to make the start of school as smooth as possible for everyone.

On Wednesday and Thursday our Primary 1 children will finish school at 1pm. They will leave school through the main door and be brought out to you. Once again, adults need to remain 2m apart and it would be helpful if you would remain outside the school railings for us – this will then mean the front area of our school is not too crowded and we will be able to see you more easily. Your child will remain safe with a member of staff until they are collected.

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The P1 children will return to school on Monday 17th and the times of 9-3pm will be in place. Staff will be on hand in the playground to help direct children at arrival and the same procedure as before will be implemented at the end of the day. **On the Monday, we will release our Primary 1 children from 2.40pm** in order to allow them to leave school before the rest of the children.

Snack and Lunch

Children can bring a small healthy snack to enjoy at playtime. All children in P1 are entitled to a free school lunch and they will participate in lunch from day 1. Should your child prefer, a packed lunch can be brought to school and should be in a wipeable, clearly labelled packed lunch box please.

Classes

We have reconfigured our classes in line with a full time return to school - 24 of our children will be in P1 with Mrs Sullivan and 6 will be in P1/2 with Miss Brand. Parents of the children in our P1/2 class have been contacted and informed of this change.

Contacting the School

We have an open door policy in place but due to the guideline requirements, parents and adults cannot now enter the school building without prior agreement and appointment. Nevertheless, we are looking at ways of continually engaging with yourselves and I would encourage you to please email or telephone the school if you have any questions, worries or comments you would like to make. We have an answering machine service in case you call during busy times, please leave a message and we will get back to you. We are here to help in whatever way we can.

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Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

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