



St. Jérôme Church of England Bilingual Primary School

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To: All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parent / Carer,

It has been wonderful to welcome children back to school this week. We have been impressed with how well they have begun to settle into the new routines of school life and are behaving responsibly and following instructions. For many children it has been a long time since they were in school full time and they need our reassurance and support as they settle in.

Arrangements for arrival in the morning are working well and children wash their hands and move to their classrooms quickly. Please support everyone to maintain social distancing by following the one-way systems in operation and ensure that you arrive by 8:55am.

At collection time please support us by observing the following points in our risk assessment:

- One parent / adult only to collect please
- We recommend that adults wear a face covering
- Please arrive during the time slot for your child's year group to help us reduce mixing between year group bubbles
- Please join the line for your child's class and leave the playground by following the one-way system
- Please avoid congregating or waiting in the playground once you have collected. We regret that we cannot allow parents to wait in the playground between slots.
- Please ensure that your children remain with you at all times once collected
- If you bring a bicycle please dismount and walk with your bicycle in the school playground
- If you need to bring a pushchair please follow the directions of staff who will direct you to avoid the ramp and steps.

Please help us to manage the risks and keep everyone safe at this important time. Staff are working hard to ensure that we run to time and the process is as efficient and safe as possible.

Important Reminders

PE Kit

Please ensure that PE Kits come into school every Monday. PE Kits will remain in school during the week to reduce the number of items children need to carry. All PE kits will be sent home on a Friday. Kindly remember that all items must be named.



Fruit Snacks

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a piece of fruit each day. Children in Years 3 and 4 should bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each day. Due to allergies we do not allow any nuts or products containing nuts or nut traces in School. We are a nut free school.



School Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school lunches. These meals are funded by the government. We need to know which option your child would like and so ask you to order online through ParentPay in advance from the range of options available. Parents in Years 3 and 4 should also order and pay online.

Ordering meals from the school kitchen reduces the number of items moving between home and school and supports the viability of onsite catering at the school. If you need to send a packed lunch you are required to return a signed copy of our packed lunch policy to the school. There are specific guidelines that you must agree to follow.

Additional support and Free School Meals in Years 3 and 4

If your child is in any year group and you meet the following criteria the school can apply for additional funding to support your child:

- ✚ Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- ✚ Income Support
- ✚ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ✚ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✚ Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✚ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ✚ Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ✚ Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you are eligible and your child is in Years 3 or 4, this means they will receive a funded school meal throughout their primary education.

Bicycles and Scooters

We currently have very limited storage space for bicycles and scooters. If you are unable to walk easily to school and need to cycle, please let us know by completing the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/YHiRW5C55tYGJZVJ8>

All bicycles must be brought to the Elmgrove Road entrance. We are currently unable to store scooters for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

If children in these year groups scoot to school, please ensure that scooters are taken home.

Do you have any school reading books at home?

If you have reading books at home from last year that belong to the school please bring them back to school. There will be a box for returning books at each of the pupil entrances. Thank you for your support and understanding as we establish new routines.

The entire team wishes you an enjoyable weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week. As always, if you have any questions or queries please email the school office on office@stjeromebilingual.org or call 020 3019 6363 during office hours.

Kind regards,



Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher