



# St. Helen's Primary School & Cygnets Flying Start

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Dear parent/carer,

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Thank you

Again, another massive thank you for all parents who have been supporting the safe return to school. Your commitment to the staggered drop off/pick up times, social distancing and keeping cars away from the school has been greatly appreciated. Every little thing we can all do, helps keep the children safe. **No child must attend school and will not be admitted if they or anyone in their household has symptoms of Covid19. This is essential to keep everyone safe and you will be expected to confirm this with us when you drop off your child.**

Despite the situation we find ourselves in, attendance at school remains excellent- thank you for this. Please remember the staggered drop off and pick up times. We are getting a few people cutting it very fine in the mornings and evenings! Thanks for your support with this.

Class	Drop off time	Pick up time
Flying Start morning	9 am	11:30am
Flying Start afternoon	1pm	3:30pm
Nursery morning session	9:00 am	11:30am
Nursery afternoon session	1.00 pm	3:05 pm
Reception	8:45 am	3:15 pm
Year 1	8:45 am	3:15 pm
Year 2	8:55am	3:25 pm
Year 3	8:45am	3:15 pm



Year 4	8:55am	3:25 pm
Year 5	8:45am	3:15 pm
Year 6	8:55am	3:25 pm

## INSET days

The school will be closed for pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January for INSET (Staff training) days.

## Harvest

Unfortunately due to Covid19 restrictions we are unable to undertake our usual Harvest celebrations this year. In relation to Christmas we will have to see what restrictions are in place at that time. Fingers crossed! In order to give the children a chance to perform we will be having a 'St. Helen's Got Talent' section at the end of our merit assembly every Friday. This is done via Microsoft Teams as all classes now have assembly broadcast to their classrooms instead of meeting in the hall.

## Staffing updates

Mrs. Hodder has started her maternity leave and Y1 will now be covered by Miss Begum. I'm sure you will give her your full support and we wish her every success in Y1. On a very positive note, Mr. Jack Branford will be re-joining the staff from the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## Parental Meetings

Due to the current Covid19 restrictions we are unable to hold our usual face to face parental meetings this term. However, in their place, your child's class teacher will produce a video outlining everything you need to know about what the children have been doing in class. These will be posted on our YouTube channel during the week starting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. I shall send you a link to these videos via out text messaging system. Please can you make sure we have the most up to date number for you.

## Parking around the school

Please be considerate to our neighbours and don't park in the resident spaces. Also unless essential e.g. Blue badge holders, please think carefully before parking outside the school on Burrows Road. This is a very busy and narrow road. It is also mainly resident parking bays. If you have to 3 point turn in this space, it is a danger to the children.

## Important dates

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – School closes for the one week half term holiday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – INSET Day (School closed for pupils)  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School starts back for pupils after the holidays  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, school closes for the 2 week Christmas holiday  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – school closed for pupils (INSET days)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – school closed for pupils (INSET day)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – school starts back for all pupils after the holidays

Stay safe,

Mr. M. S. Thompson  
Headteacher

