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Dear St Gregory's Families,

As we reach the end of quite a remarkable school year, we are truly grateful for all the efforts that have gone into the months of remote learning. We are humbled by what you have done at home to support your children and we look forward to being together again. I want to also thank you all for your support, your messages have been enormously uplifting and very much appreciated. Thank you also to our amazing staff, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Together we made it!

It may be hard to think of life before Covid, however, there have been many highlights to this year that deserve mention. The wonderful Christmas Nativities, the school Choir performance, The Mini Vinnies advent service at Thomas Becket, the Advent Service at the Cathedral, the year 6 Harry Potter Trip and many more...

There are so many times when the pupils inspire us with their creativity, hard work and perseverance. Some of the most memorable and special moments are when the whole school community comes together. This is often by giving both time and energy to some wonderful charitable causes and living out the ethos of the school by showing kindness, compassion and love for others. This has been another busy year for projects and activities, with the aim of helping other people. We have had cake sales in support of Macmillan, the children walked around the school grounds as part of "A mile for Missio" and our Lenten activities in support of both local and national charities.

At this time of year, we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and families. We all wish you the best as you embark on pastures new. Step out with confidence and take new opportunities in your stride remembering that you are always part of our St Gregory's family and we are very proud of you.

Thank you to the PTA. They continue to have such an energetic drive working tirelessly for the good of the pupils. Their work is central to the school community and has contributed significantly to improving both the experiences for the children and resources for the school. This year they have organised numerous events which have all been a tremendous success.

Over the Summer we will continue to make improvements to the school. Mr Clarke has already started with this and is building an outdoor wooden open style classroom in the wild meadow area.

On behalf of all of us at St Gregory's, I would like to wish you and your families a wonderful and restful summer. We pray that COVID-19 continues to decline across the country and I hope you and your families keep safe and well and enjoy, as best you can, a happy and relaxing summer. The children will return on **Thursday 3rd September and I attach our plans for a full return.**

Yours Sincerely
Mrs K. Yuen
Executive Headteacher

Our plans for a full return September 2020

We are pleased to have received the Initial government guidance for a full return in September. It is very much in-line with what we expected and we have been busy preparing for this. The Covid arrangements in place currently, have worked exceptionally well in keeping everyone safe. As all children are expected to return in September we will be adding to the existing measures by:

- Having new staggered arrival times and points of entry.

To ensure that teaching time is not affected we will be splitting the school into 2 distinct groups with **Group 1 arriving at 8.45am** and **Group 2 arriving at 8.55am**. Children will be admitted through the gate at their specific time. To minimise contact we will only allow Reception parents to enter the school site at the start of the day. Year 1 parents will be able to enter initially on the Thursday and Friday.

Start/Finish times for the day

Once children arrive they are to go straight to class. Only Nursery and Reception parents allowed on site at the start of the day / Year 1 - first day only.

Staff members will be available to meet and greet, directing children promptly and safely to the direction of classes.

In line with Government directives, face coverings will not be allowed in school. Any child wearing a face covering to travel to school will need to remove safely before entry.

Time	Year Group	Point of entry
8:45am Arrival	Nursery	Via class gates
	Foundation Stage	Via class gates
	Year 1 Year 1 /2	Via class gates
	Year 2	Through playground gate straight to class
	Year 5 + Year 6	Through the adventure playground gate and walk round the building to classroom
8:55am Arrival	Year 3	Through the adventure playground gate and walk round the building to classroom
	Year 4	Through playground gate straight to class

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Collection -

There will be a Controlled pick up time following a circular route thus creating a one way system to enter and exit the school site.

Parents enter via the adventure playground gate next to the hall. The one way route will go round to the main playground, then exiting via the Foundation class side of the school by the large carpark.

3.05pm	Reception, Year 1, Year 1/2 Year 2	Pick up from class and follow one way system to exit.
3.15pm	All Key Stage 2 classes	To line up on the lower playground and parents wait on top playground for collection. Exit via one way system.
Parents to collect siblings in order of pick up times		

The reception children and Key Stage 1 will be picked up as normal from their classroom and will need to follow the one way route too. Please note-Parents must not gather and should exit the school site as quickly as possible to minimise contact.

In line with the new guidance we will build on our existing practise:

- Classes will keep to their rooms as much as possible.
- There will be no whole school assemblies or gatherings taking place until the Government directives permit.
- Most children will eat their lunches in their classes to reduce opportunities of mixing with other classes
- Lunchtimes will be staggered to reduce contact with other classes
- Allocated outdoor space will be given to each class
- Desks will face forward as per directive.

Our teachers have been working hard to plan the new curriculum for the next school year; we have re-written many of the topics, and we are excited to share them with the children. Teachers are also working together to plan how to ensure children are given the best chances to catch up the lost learning in many subjects including Reading, Writing, Maths and Science. We also hope to have a meet the teacher session, for parents in September. (If rules allow)

It is likely that there will be more guidelines and advice from the government over the summer and we will be ready to react to any changes in circumstances or events and will work hard to keep you informed. Please do look at the websites for updates and messages through parentmail. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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