Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy week making the final preparations for September. As you can appreciate, this is very challenging and we have made the following decisions in line with Government and Local Authority guidance and with the best interests and safety of our families, children and staff in mind. The information below will highlight our plan for September. This will of course be subject to change in guidance and after the first two days of school (Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th September), we will review our systems and, if necessary, inform you of any adjustments.

Our approach to teaching during this time is to:

Provide a Recovery Curriculum which will focus on reconnecting the children with our routines and staff. This will involve work around our routines and school values as well as work across the school on our ‘Journey’ project, which will enable children to connect with a variety of subject areas, express themselves and acknowledge the Journey that we have all faced over the past 6 months.

We will do our best to:

Provide an environment that has been risk assessed and considered safe.

Adhere to the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can.

Support your child’s wellbeing, such as by giving them someone to talk to if they feel anxious or overwhelmed.

Contact you if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 so they can be taken home and allowed to self-isolate.

Inform you if staff or children in your child’s ‘bubble’ show symptoms of COVID-19, and help the NHS test and trace system get in touch with you if they test positive and the rest of the ‘bubble’ needs to self-isolate.

Enhance our hygiene measures, including more frequent cleaning and hand washing.

Provide meals, including free school meals for eligible pupils.

 Communicate between home and school through notices, newsletters, text, email and the school website.

If a child needs to self-isolate, we will:

Provide remote learning that allows your child to access as much of the curriculum as possible in line with learning at school.

Make alternative arrangements if your child can’t access remote learning.

Support your child’s wellbeing, such as by allowing them to talk with school staff regularly, when possible.
If my child is coming into school, I understand and agree that:

I need to monitor if my child or anyone in our household has symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste).

If my child or anyone in our household shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school and we will self-isolate for the appropriate length of time and inform the school.

If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child as soon as possible.

When dropping off and picking up, I will stick to the timings for my child, use the designated entrance, park considerately and adhere to the social distancing rules set out by the government.

I will not enter the school building without a prearranged appointment and I will leave the school immediately after drop off and pick up.

I will provide my child with a water bottle and packed lunch if required.

My child will not bring any other items into school. All equipment will be provided.

I will remind my child about good hygiene practices, such as: regularly washing their hands thoroughly, avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth and coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue, and disposing immediately of any used tissues.

I will support the school’s procedures in ensuring a safe environment.

My child may be refused a place at school if I do not adhere to the terms above.

SEPTEMBER
Children will return to school on Thursday 3rd September 2020. Following Government Guidance which, was released on 2nd July, having reviewed our risk assessments please see the start and finish timetables at the bottom of the letter. Please remember that these are subject to change.

PAYING FOR MEALS
To reduce risk, from September we will expect all school dinner money to be handed in with the amount, child’s name and class written on an envelope. Anyone who presents money, not in an envelope, to a member of staff will be provided with an envelope and asked to label it. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep everyone safe.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS
You will be aware the Government will be continuing to provide the voucher scheme for pupils eligible for free school meals via the Summer Food Fund. The order for these vouchers has been placed and you will receive your emails with your code during the week beginning 20th July 2020 to the value of £90 per pupil, which covers the 6 week summer
holiday period. If you have more than one child at the school, you will receive one voucher for the total amount.

Do you think that you could be eligible for benefits related Free School Meals? If you think that you are entitled and would like to apply for next term, please contact our School Business Manager Tracy Ryan by calling the school office or emailing office@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION
We are unable to offer breakfast or after school clubs at this time. We will however review our risk assessments regularly and inform you when we are able to offer this provision.

FACE COVERINGS
The Government have informed us that Face Coverings are not required in school BUT must be worn on public transport. There remains much debate over the practicality, use and impact of these, however we are informing staff that if they feel that they wish to use Face Coverings then this is up to them. The same rules will apply to pupils and we would like to emphasise that the correct use of these should be followed.

COMMUNICATION
We will continue to communicate with you via email and the school’s website. Please continue to check for updates and let us know if your email address changes. During the holiday, if you have any wellbeing or safeguarding concerns, please contact myself on office@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk with the title Safeguarding. Alternatively call the Safeguarding Central Duty Team on 03000 411111 or out of hours call 03000 419191

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online

If you haven’t already, don’t forget to check out the transition video on the school website. Your child will be able to see the staff that they will be working with and the classroom that they will be working in.

PROPOSED ACADEMISATION – CONSULTATION PROCESS
The formal consultation period opened on 8th June 2020 and will remain open for seven weeks, ending on the 27th July. You can comment and ask questions online at: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Eastchurch.

If you would like to talk to someone about the proposal and how it affects your child please leave your name and phone number on 01795 880279 and we will contact you. Alternatively questions can be asked by sending an email to consultation@eastchurch.kent.sch.uk. We are very grateful for all of the feedback about academisation so far.

Finally, please see the timetables below for the start, lunch and end of day arrangements for our children. Have a lovely weekend.

God bless and keep you safe,
Mrs N Ivory & Mrs K Lockwood

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All Saints Site

PLEASE ONLY ARRIVE AT YOUR ALLOCATED TIME SLOT

From September please drop off and collect your child at the following locations and times. Once your child has been dropped off or collected, please leave the premises immediately at the beginning and end of the day to help with the flow of traffic and to reduce the number of people on site. For parents of pupils who have siblings attending, they should be dropped off at the youngest child’s time and location and collected at the oldest child’s time and location (e.g. I have a child in Y3, Y4 and Y6, I would drop off at 8:45 and collect at 3:15). Please drive carefully and park as directed before dropping or collecting your child at the appropriate door. You will be expected to park and walk to the correct door for collection. There is social distancing signage to remind everyone of safety.

September summary for pick up and drop off:
- Be on time (15-minute window)
- Park safely
- Follow the social distancing signage and guidelines
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