



St Andrew's CE Primary School Over Hulton



Spring Term 4

25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that we've had time to digest the very positive and uplifting news that we are able to re-open our schools to all children, we can start to look forward to taking further steps to a return to some form of normality. We are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back and delighted with the news. We have missed everyone being together—it is simply not the same without all our children back in school.

We are very aware of the challenges that you have faced in supporting the children's home learning and we are very grateful of your amazing efforts to support the children's learning at whatever capacity you have been able to. We hope that you have been able to access the message on our Facebook page from the Manchester Diocese Director of Education, Deborah Smith, that echoes these sentiments.

Some of you may still have concerns but let me reassure you that we will continue to implement our robust risk assessment and safety measures when the children return—the safety of everyone in our school community remains paramount. This Risk Assessment is currently being updated and should be available on our website 'Newsletters' section from Tuesday 2nd March, along with an updated Return to School Policy and Procedures which, 'in a nutshell', are very similar to what school was like in Autumn Term with all the health, safety and hygiene procedures still in place and reinforced.

We also fully understand that some children may, yet again, be anxious about returning. We hope that they will be reassured, and therefore confident, as they were last September but please let them know that if they have any worries, we have lots of support available. Please contact us via the pastoral@standrewsoh.bolton.sch.uk email address and we will endeavour to support the children as best we can. We will also be re-sending out a child friendly return to school information pack early next week too.

As said before, we are looking forward to some degree of normality where, working together, we support and nurture the children to progress successfully across a broad and ambitious curriculum, in a safe but exciting, fun-filled environment—which is exactly as it should be. We're off to a great first week back whilst we celebrate World Maths Day and World Book Day (see below and page 2), rescheduled so that all the children will take part together, in school.

Finally, your continued support, patience and understanding during this latest lockdown has been much appreciated. Please contact the office should have further questions. Take care, God bless.

World Maths Day Wednesday 10th March

Each class will follow different activities on the day for the theme 'Maths at the Movies', as well as a range of other suggested maths focussed activities for the week.

On 31st March 2021, we will be holding Rock Star Day to further encourage the use of the online resources TT Rock Stars and Numbots both in school and at home. On this day, children can dress as a rock star for the day too. Further information can be found in a letter that was emailed this week.



Road Safety on Crescent Avenue

As all children return to school, we would like to repeat our REGULAR plea to parents and carers regarding parking and dropping off.

Please refrain from dropping off children on, or next to, the zig-zags or from parking on the double lines or across driveway; EVEN FOR THE SHORTEST OF TIMES. Thank you



Battery Recycling:- A recycling container is available in the entrance porch for children to bring in any used batteries in need of suitable disposal.



Please access our website at www.standrewsbolton.co.uk or visit our Facebook page.



**Dinner money and snack money due
8th March (Junior children only)**

Dinners cost £1.80 p/day, £9.00 p/week.
Cost until Easter is £34.20
Mon & Friday dinners only is £12.60
Snacks cost £6.40

School Uniform - please order online and await a call to arrange collection from the office.

Please pay via sims-pay

Clubs- we HOPE to resume 8/3/21	Before School 8:00am—8:45am	After School 3:30pm— 4:20/30pm
Monday	KS2 cricket	Ju Jitsu KS2 Athletics
Tuesday	Y5/6 Football	KS1 Fitness
Wednesday		KS2 Fitness
Thursday	KS2 Hockey	KS2 Rugby
Friday	KS2 Tennis	KS1 athletics



World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March so throughout the week teachers will be leading a number of different additional activities such as share a story live sessions, author and illustrator academy, share a story corner and interactive activities where children can look inside the £1 books on offer this year. £1 vouchers will be given out on **Monday 8th March** - the books can be found in many of the supermarkets.



On **Friday 12th March**, when we are all back in school, we can celebrate together and all dress up in our Fictional Book Character costumes for the day.

We are very grateful to Blackwell's publishers who are giving away up to 600 books per school, free of charge, to help us all celebrate World Book Day.

Please could parents, guardians and carers keep to the drop off and pick up times below. Staff have arranged tasks for children on their arrival to school and end of the day whilst groups are dismissed at home time. The timings are also in place reduce the waiting time especially at the end of the day and to promote social distancing. Thank you

A couple more reminders:-
Children should not bring bags to school (except for when they are attending Before or After School Clubs) They will only need their water bottle, packed lunch box (if not on school dinners) and their reading wallets with their reading book and record each day.
Reading books will be CHANGED on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Could children not be in school any more than 5 minutes before the arrival times.

Thank you

Surname initial	Arrival time (not before 8:35am please)	Pick up time
A – F	8:40am	3:15pm
G – K	8:45am	3:20pm
L – R	8:50am	3:25pm
S - Z	8:55am (gate locked at 9:00am)	3:30pm

Could parents, carers and guardians please note the holiday pattern below with regard to booking holidays within the academic year. We will continue to follow our Attendance Policy with any future holiday requests.

School Holiday Pattern 2020 - 2021

SPRING TERM [57 days]

Term ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

SUMMER TERM [64 days]

Term begins: Monday 19th April 2021
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021 (School Closed)
 School closes for half term: Friday 28th May 2021
 Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 11th June 2021
 Half Term begins: Monday 14th June 2021
 Term ends: Friday 23rd July 2021

Total: 190 days.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

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What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from the day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 10 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from the day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 10 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>