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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding throughout this time. The start of the year has been unlike any other and we have had to look for different ways to share information with you – mainly through the school website. Our website is our “one stop shop” for all our school information including school information for new parents, term dates and regular covid updates. Please make use of our website to help you: www.stphilipssalford.co.uk We have included a number of links in this letter to direct you to information.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell.

The box below provides a summary of the common symptoms of coronavirus.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms

The letter on the website has the latest information on what you need to do to organise a test: <https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/documents/information/parent-information-and-updates/parent-update-on-symptoms-and-testing.pdf?5f61df7e>

You can also find a link to the NHS testing page on the school updates page or phone 119. The link to the NHS website is also in this letter: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

If your child is unwell with sickness and diarrhoea, please keep your child at home until they are clear of all the symptoms for 48hrs. School will send children home for at least 48 hours if they are displaying any other illnesses. This is to ensure that no other illnesses are passed on through school.

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the survey for us. We have read your comments and appreciate the time you have taken to share your comments. Your feedback is vital to help us know how you are feeling about school at this stage and what further

information you need. There is still time to complete the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WTGVDHZ>



All our information about processes and procedures for making school as safe as possible during the pandemic can be found on the Parent Updates page on the school website:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/parent-information-and-updates/>

Some of you have asked about the wearing of face masks.

You can find information on the parent update page on the school website in the Face Covering Policy: <https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/documents/information/parent-information-and-updates/face-covering-policy.pdf?5f61df7e>

Use of face masks is risk assessed on an individual basis and school staff adhere to guidelines set out by the Government and the Local Authority.

We know that there is a lot of information in the news at the moment and we will continue to provide up-to-date information through this webpage and text messages.

We are planning to do a Harvest collection for Bags of Hope this year. We will be collecting **toiletries and other items** but NOT FOOD. The collection for this will be on **Friday 2nd October**. We will quarantine the donations over the weekend. Deliver to church on Monday. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Church is now a Food Bank distribution centre every Tuesday from 1:00 – 3:00 and you can be referred by Ms Smedley.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Please speak to us on the school gates with your questions and comments.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kinch
Headteacher

Parent Information and Updates

- [Parent update on symptoms and testing from the LA](#)
- [Parent Survey on Opening of School](#)
- [PLEASE READ - September 8th Update letter](#)
- [Need to book a test? Click on this link or phone 119](#)
- [Advice on testing - Portuguese and Arabic](#)
- [Advice on testing - Gujarati, Punjabi and Urdu](#)
- [Before and After School Care](#)
- [School Opening - Sept 2020](#)
- [Dropping off your child \(start of day\) - entrances](#)
- [Picking up your child \(end of day\) - exits](#)
- [Parent information about suspected cases - Sept 2020](#)
- [Face Covering Policy](#)
- [School Risk Assessment - Sept 2020](#)
- [Advice about travelling to school - Sept 2020](#)

September is here!
 We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school this September. We know that you will be feeling anxious as well as excited that your children are back in school and learning with their teachers and friends.
 This page is our dedicated page to support you with key information about how we are making school as safe as possible and we continue to add to this page when we receive new information. Down the left hand side of this page are links to documents with lots of information, including useful websites and phone numbers if you need any support. Please take the time to read the latest information and contact school if you have any questions.
 School staff are on-hand to provide support as well as national and professional organisations that can provide you with specific guidance and support. Whilst it will be difficult for staff to have face-to-face meetings at this time, we are happy to arrange telephone appointments with you to answer questions. Please contact the school office with questions and staff will return your call.

Organisation of the school day:

- Parents and carers will need to drop off and collect their child using specific gates - you can find details of this on the September newsletter on the left or by downloading the maps on the left hand side.
- Only one parent/carer allowed on site if needed (Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 pupils)
- Miss Kinch, Ms Jackson, Mr Steadman and Ms Smedley will be available to meet children and parents at the gates and answer any questions you may have at the start and end of the school day.
- Please be aware that school gates will not be opened until the times stated.
- On leaving school, children will be sent out to you. Please be patient with staff at this time as they will be directing children to you in a safe way to ensure that adults and children are socially distanced when entering and leaving the school site.
- Children will be in class bubbles and will not mix with other bubbles during the school day. Playtimes and lunchtimes will be in separate "zones" and at different times.
- Lunchtimes will be in sittings and will be a combination of hot and cold dinners for children in Key Stages 1 and 2.

Covid-19 Prevention:
 Please adhere to the following information (more detailed information can be found on the left hand side of this page):

- If you or your child is displaying symptoms - **persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell** - you must not come to school. Please contact the school office and a test will be arranged for you and your household.
- Other symptoms may also indicate Covid-19 and we would encourage you to contact school to speak to a member of staff. (Further information can be found in the letter on the left hand side of this page).
- The government is not recommending face coverings are necessary in primary schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions and please see the policy on the wearing of face masks on the left hand side of this page.

IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE NOT FEELING WELL, STAY AT HOME. PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL TO DISCUSS THE SYMPTOMS.
 To reduce transmission - you MUST follow social distancing guidelines at all times.
 Please maintain your own social bubbles and avoid meeting in other households whilst the Manchester restrictions are in place.

School Dates 2020/2021		School Dates 2021/2022	
Term	Close	Re-open	
2020			
Summer		Monday 7th September	
Mid Term	Friday 23rd October	Tuesday 3rd November	
Christmas	Friday 18th December		
2021			
New Year		Tuesday 5th January	
Mid Term	Friday 12th February	Tuesday 23rd February	
Easter Holiday	Wednesday 31st March	Monday 19th April	
May Day	Friday 30th April	Tuesday 4th May	
Mid Term	Friday 28th May	Tuesday 8th June	
Summer	Thursday 22nd July		

St Philip's CE Primary School, in line with the Local Authority, will not authorise holidays taken in term time because of the detrimental effect this absence would have upon your child's learning.

SATs Tests take place in May.