



Newsletter

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It's been so lovely this week seeing so many children return to school, albeit for brief short sessions—school feeling like school again. Hopefully, your children who have come back had a lovely time with their friends and teachers, and that those of you with children in Years 3 and 4 are also looking forward to coming back. Mrs Hawkins has now returned to school, although she still has to take care to protect her voice—but, this does mean we can go ahead with our plan to offer Year 3 a short return to school on Tuesday or Wednesday.

On Fridays, we meet as a whole staff to review how things are working and what else we can do to support children and families. Today, we have agreed to amend a few bits and pieces to help things run smoothly, and by doing this, with your continued support, we can extend our ability to offer sessions for children in Years 2 and 5.

The changes we'd like to implement are:

- Children in Robins, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6—please could parents now drop children off with me at the bottom of the school drive. This means we won't need to open up the pedestrian gate, which will help with staffing levels elsewhere. We can also have one overall drop off time slot, which will reduce the length of time staff man the gates.
- Drop off times will now be 8.45-9.00 and 12.30-12.45.
- Collection arrangements will stay the same, although we'd like to slightly amend times to 11.45-12.00 and 3.15-3.30
- We've amended Year 2 and 5 timings, to support those of you with siblings, so their sessions will be 9.00-12.00 and (for Year 2) 12.30-3.30—this will hopefully be more helpful for you.
- We've agreed that we can increase the sessions available for Years 2 and 5—Year 2 will be able to come in on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Year 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Next week, we will welcome Years 3 and 4 back into school for their return sessions—those timings have not changed, and as it will be your first time back to school, parents will be able to come onto the school site with their children. Please remember, however, to use the one way system (entry via school drive, exit via pedestrian gate) and to leave the school site as soon as you have dropped off your child.

Hopefully, you will appreciate the changes made and can make them work in terms of planning your days. I've attached a table which summarises the new routines for each class.

Yesterday, the Government published its guidance for the full return of schools in September—from a first read, it all looks very doable and I am confident that we can make a full return to school possible. I am due to have a meeting with Dawn til Dusk shortly to talk through arrangements for their return also. It's all looking good for September! On Tuesday, I will be sending out a separate letter detailing staffing and class arrangements for next year, so please keep an eye out for this information.

A massive **well done** to Kerry, Caz and Eleanor, our mums on the run—during June they have run 300km, and in the process raised **£1,170** which will be spent on resources for all our children. An amazing achievement! There is still time to donate if you'd like: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mums-on-the-run>

Thank you so much for all your support as we've worked to start to get back to normal—we couldn't make this all work without your good will and back up, you've been amazing!

Very best wishes for the weekend,
Maria & all the team at St James'

Class	Day	Session Times	Drop off	Pick up
Robins	Mon-Thurs	9.00-12.00 12.30-3.30	8.45-9.00 12.30-12.45 Please drop children at end of school drive	11.45-12.00 3.15-3.30 Pick up in Robins area
Whinchats	Mon-Thurs	9.00-12.00 12.30-3.30	8.45-9.00 12.30-12.45 Please drop children at end of school drive	11.45-12.00 3.15-3.30 Pick up area out- side classroom
Canaries	Tues, Weds, Thurs	9.00-12.00 12.30-3.30	8.45-9.00 12.30-12.45 Please drop children at end of school drive	11.45-12.00 3.15-3.30 Pick up at class- room door
Green Jays	Tues or Weds	1.00-3.00	1.00-1.15 Parents may drop chil- dren at classroom door	3.00-3.15 Pick up in main playground
Kingfishers	Monday	9.15-11.15 1.00-3.00	9.00-9.15 1.00-1.15 Parents drop children in drop off zone	11.15-11.30 3.00-3.15 Pick up in main playground
Peacocks	Tues, Thurs	9.00-12.00	8.45-9.00 Please drop children at end of school drive	11.45-12.00 Pick up in main playground
Sabrewings	Mon-Thurs	9.00-3.15	8.45-9.00 Please drop children at end of school drive	3.15-3.30 Pick up in main playground
Rainbow Club	Mon-Fri	8.30-3.30	8.30-9.00 Parents drop off at Hall door	3.15-3.30 Pick up at Hall door

Please remember to maintain social distancing rules.

Please be prompt when collecting children, especially at the end of morning sessions—this is so staff have time to carry out essential cleaning tasks before the afternoon sessions begin. If in doubt, aim to arrive closer to 11.45 than 12.00.

For all classes, except Years 3 & 4 and Rainbow Club, parents are asked to drop children at the end of the school drive and children will walk into school by themselves. This will help us reduce the number of people moving around the site. Members of staff will be present to ensure good supervision of children and ensure they stay safe.

If you are dropping your child off inside the school gates, please remember to limit the number of people who accompany you (ie one parent only, no siblings if possible).

Thank you so much—we are one of the few local schools who have managed to find a way to allow **all** children a return to school and we've only been able to do this because you have worked so positively with us.