

SPRING TERM 2021

26th FEBRUARY 2021



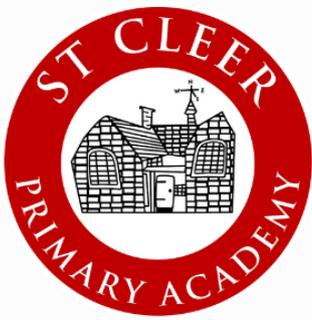
Dear parents and carers,

We are so pleased that we have a date for full re-opening and look forward to welcoming **all** of the children back on site on the 8th March. We know that there will be a mixture of excitement and nervousness about this. I attach a social story for you to share with your child about returning if this is helpful to settle any first day nerves.

The logistics of this will be very similar to the Autumn term:

- The school gates will be open from 8.30am and will close at 4pm each day to allow for a steady flow of children into the building.
The school day starts at **8.50am** and finishes at **3.15pm Monday – Friday** but the gate opening times will support a slower entry and exit to support space for your children and for you as parents. We will allow children to enter and exit the building as soon as we can to support you. Please be patient with us in this. Entry and Exit points are the same as the Autumn term.
- Parents/carers will need to **wear a mask** on drop off and collection and maintain social distancing guidelines. Children do not need to wear a mask but we understand some might want to have one with them.
- If parents have an appointment they will need to come to the front entrance and enter the building this way.
- We will continue to work within zones in the school for your children. This will help to limit the exposure and contact for your children and the staff.
- We continue to access **Lateral Flow Tests** as a staff to help reduce any potential contact risks.
- During playtimes and lunchtimes, the children will remain in zones to support social distancing. It would be really helpful if you remind your child of the importance of good hand hygiene and show them how to maintain this. **Please find attached 2 books on hand washing and mask wearing that might help support your child.**
- Children will wear **uniform** please: we understand that your child may have grown a lot during this lockdown and updating uniform may pose some challenges. The most important thing is your child is comfortable on return and if there is anything we can do to support just let us know.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered – we will use the field which is drying out but is still a bit muddy so appropriate footwear will help to avoid slips.
- I am awaiting a menu for lunches and will be in touch about this as soon as I have it
- Breakfast club and After School Club will resume on Monday 8th – **booking is essential a week in advance as we need to limit the number to 25 to support maintenance of bubbles and safety guidelines for this. Please email secretary@stcleerprimary.co.uk to book what you need.** This service resumes to support those of you who rely on it for your own working day.





- Music lessons will restart – piano, guitar and drumming
- Visitors will be limited up until Easter break but we will work with: counsellors, school nurse, social workers, speech and language therapists and any other professionals that support us in supporting your children's learning and welfare
- Other clubs will not begin until the summer term but we hope to offer a selection of extra-curricular clubs in the summer all being well
- Educational visits will not begin until at least the summer term but we will avail of local trips when we can and make the most of the improving weather and outdoors to inspire and reinvigorate the learning

Please don't worry about the headlines about a lost generation – your children are not lost and they will catch up! They will catch up with their friends, with their learning and with their extended families as and when they can. They will continue to grow and develop and flourish!

The staff here are ready and well equipped to support you and your children and we cannot wait to see you all soon.

If you have any questions or concerns do please get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Spencer



**Don't tell me I'm behind.
Don't tell me I'll be held back for ever.
Don't tell me I need longer at school.
Don't tell me I'm lost.**

**Tell me I can do it.
Tell me you'll help me.
Tell me you believe in me.
Tell me we'll do it together.**

Yours sincerely,

The children.
(From The Secret Headteacher Blog)

