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## RE: WIDER OPENING IN MARCH 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your support over the past few weeks as we have all grappled with remote learning and adapting again to changing circumstances. We do hope you have all kept safe and well.

As you will know, the Government have announced that all primary school children should return to school from **8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. Following reviewed advice from Public Health England (PHE), we will continue to apply the system of controls and the set of actions we must follow for the prevention of, and response to, any possible infection of COVID-19, including the new variants.

Our risk assessment has been reviewed and we will apply the same approach as we did in the Autumn term. We did this as a whole school community so successfully that I am sure we can reinstate this very quickly. So, here's a reminder of our plans for opening to all our children from 8<sup>th</sup> March.

This letter includes a lot of information. If you need any further clarification, please contact the school office.

### Class Placements

In September, the children settled well into their class 'bubble' and these will continue as:

	<b>TEACHERS</b>
<b>Gold</b>	Mrs Mitchell
<b>Red</b>	Mrs Ratchford
<b>Yellow</b>	Mrs Evans

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<b>Green</b>	Miss Moran
<b>Blue</b>	Mrs Snape
<b>Orange</b>	Mr Ashworth
<b>Lime</b>	Mr Bennett and Ms Cartwright
<b>Lilac</b>	Mrs Hayman
<b>Turquoise</b>	Mr Cooper
<b>Purple</b>	Mrs Martin

Children will go back to remaining in their class all day as a 'social bubble' and contact between classes will be minimized. This is to limit contact and sharing of resources between different groups. This also supports the 'Test and Trace' process as we will be able identify who is in which 'social bubble' and who they have had contact with.

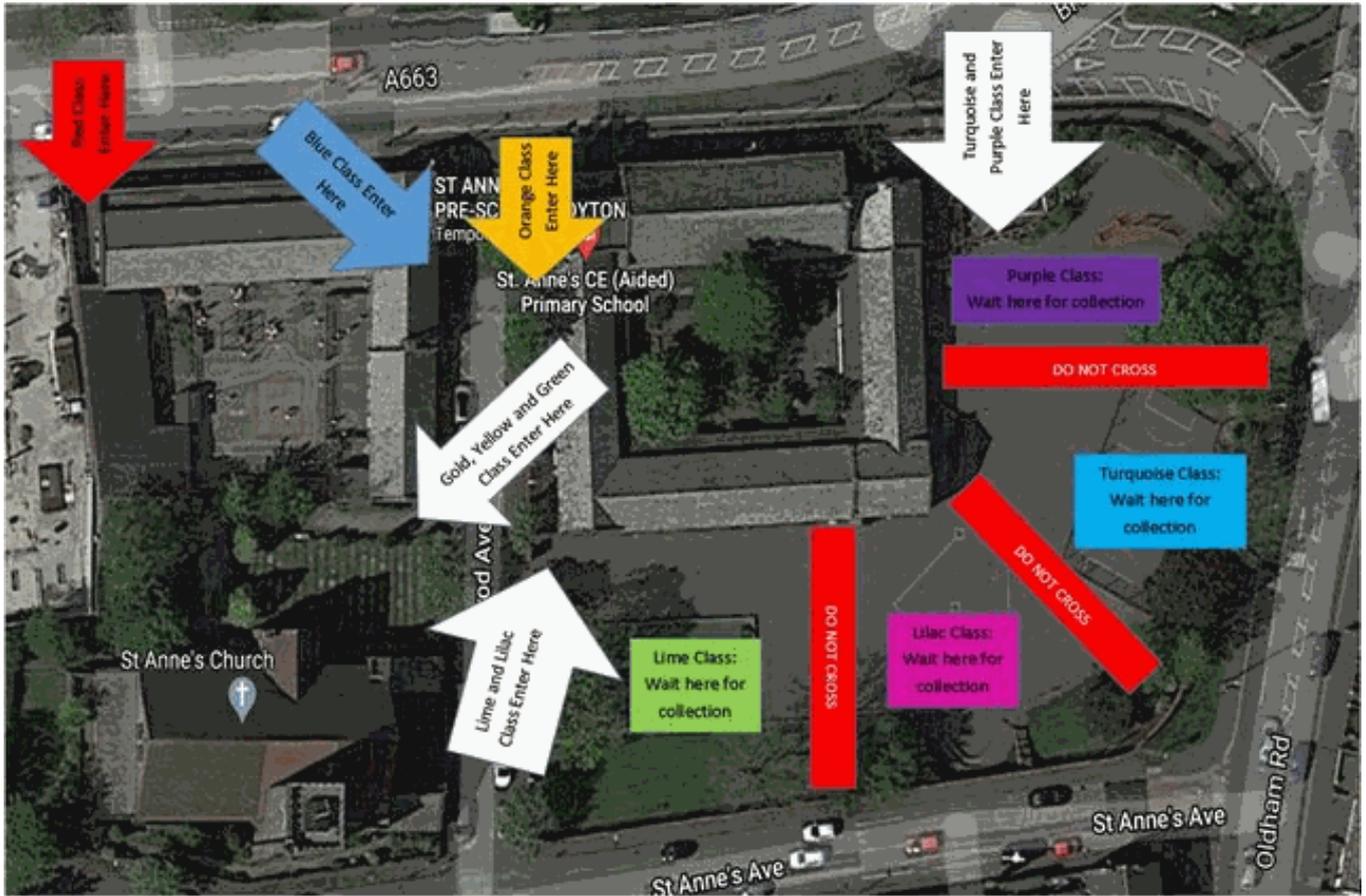
### Times of Day

As part of our risk assessment for wider opening of school we will continue with staggering start and finish times for different year groups. In order to continue to minimize contact between class groups, we will use every entrance we have in both our school buildings. Our planned arrangements from **8<sup>th</sup> March** will be as they were in September 2020:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Entrance/Exit</b>
Nursery	9.00am – 12.00pm	Infant playground (usual entrance next to church via the ramp)
Red	8.45am – 3.00pm	Broadway (next to the Shell garage)
Yellow	8.45am – 3.00pm	Infant playground (usual entrance between church and school)
Green	9.00am – 3.15pm	Infant playground (usual entrance between church and school)
Blue	8.45am – 3.00pm	Infant main entrance (under the walkway on Ormerod Avenue)
Orange	8.45am – 3.00pm	Junior ramped entrance (Ormerod Avenue)
Lime	9.00am – 3.15pm	Junior playground – entrance nearest to Ormerod Avenue.
Lilac	8.45am – 3.00pm	Junior playground – entrance nearest to Ormerod Avenue.
Turquoise	8.45am – 3.00pm	Entering the Junior Playground via the car park and entering school via the entrance closest to Oldham Road
Purple	8.45am – 3.00pm	Entering the Junior Playground via the car park and entering school via the Mother's Room entrance (next to Broadway). <i>For safety, children will need to line up in the Junior playground next to the trim trail.</i>

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### Arrangements for drop off/collection

The protocol for dropping off and collecting children continues as follows:

- Please **promptly** drop-off/collect your child. Only 1 parent should be doing this to minimise adult to adult contact. Please leave the school site quickly. *This also includes the public roads adjacent to both school buildings for your continued safety.*
- **Do not form groups and retain social distancing at all times;**
- If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office via telephone or email;
- If a meeting is deemed appropriate, we will only allow one parent on school site and social distancing measures will be applied at all times. *This includes wearing a face covering unless exempt.*
- Please **do not** enter the school site if you are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.
- Please also follow the Government's Safer Travel Guidance for Passengers as you travel to school:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

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Staff will be on the playground 5 minutes before the start time to ensure that children are ready to enter school in a calm and orderly way.

### **School Meals**

Children will remain in their classrooms to eat their lunch to continue to minimizing mixing of groups. For children having school meals, we will provide packed lunches until further notice. Infants will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals and in the Juniors parents can opt to pay for school meals. Information about lunch choices are sent out weekly via Parentmail. Children can bring in their own packed lunch.

Playtimes will be staggered to ensure 'social bubbles' do not mix.

### **Curriculum**

We will continue to offer a broad and ambitious curriculum for all our children. As children return they will continue to follow our topic plan and they will continue learning across all subjects. We know that during the period of school closure children have been keeping up with home learning and we appreciate all your hard work in supporting this. As children return, classteachers will again be working hard to assess whether there are any significant gaps in their knowledge, skills and understanding and will adapt plans to address these to ensure that children can 'catch-up' on any key elements of reading, writing and mathematics.

Visitors to school will remain limited, will be deemed as essential, and will have to complete a Screening Checklist before they enter the site. For the rest of the spring term, we do not plan to reinstate extracurricular clubs. We will update this as further guidance is given to schools. Educational visits out of school are still not permitted. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our usual visits to Robinwood and York as we cannot guarantee that all restrictions will be lifted in time.

### **Equipment**

We must continue to limit the amount of equipment children bring into school each day, to essentials such as lunch boxes, hats, coats and mobile phones (*Y6 only – these must be kept in the school office during the day*). Bags are allowed. Children can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing will be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to their education and development. Similar rules on hand cleaning and cleaning of the resources apply to these resources.

### **Behaviour**

We continue to apply our Behaviour Policy plus the COVID-19 Addendum. It is important to discuss our expectations with your child as we will be continuing to expect all children to follow our Golden

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Promises with the extra requirements to ensure all children behave safely and respect personal space.

### Uniform

Children will need to attend school wearing their full uniform as this demonstrates our school ethos. We are asked to remind parents to wash this regularly to maintain a good standard of hygiene but this does not need to more than usual or using different products. If you have any difficulty obtaining our school uniform then please get in touch with the school office and we will be able to offer some help and support.

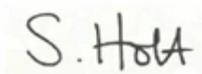
### Attendance

We again need to communicate to you our expectations of excellent attendance and remind you of your duty to secure your child's attendance at school from **8<sup>th</sup> March**. We are asked to remind parents of possible sanctions for non-attendance; e.g. Fixed Penalty Notices. We will continue with our system of rigorous attendance monitoring and ask that you let us know of any issues or concerns that may provide barriers to good attendance.

Please remember that if your family has been personally affected by COVID-19, please let us know if you feel you are able. This will help us put support in place for your child/children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you yet again for your continued support in such challenging circumstances. I can't tell you how much we all want our school to return to a happy, lively place full of all your amazing children. We know we cannot return to 'normal' just yet (whatever 'normal' may look like in the future) but we know that we can continue to work together, continue to follow regulations and restrictions and respond rapidly to keep **all** of us safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sue Holt  
Headteacher

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