



The Academy at  
**St James**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to welcome back all pupils to Academy St James in September. It has been an extremely challenging few months and I think we are all excited to try and get back to some normality in the next academic year. To make sure things are as safe as they can be when we return we have put in place lots of measures to reduce risk. It is important that parents know some of these changes before we return in September.

To reduce the risk of overcrowding when arriving at school we will be operating staggered start and end times. It is crucial that families arrive at their **designated time**. This is not just about attendance; this is about reducing the risk of infection to yourselves and others. To help us reduce this risk even further we will only be allowing **one parent** or family member to drop-off pupils. I am also sorry to say that parents will not be permitted into the school classrooms.

	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry / Exit
Nursery am	8.30am	11.30am	Nursery Entrance
Nursery pm	12.30am	3.30pm	Nursery entrance
Reception	9.00am	2.55pm	Reception Cloakroom
Y1/2 Successful Swans	9.00am	2.55pm	Year 1 and 3 entrance
Y1/2 Swooping Starlings	9.00am	2.55pm	Year 1 Cloakroom
Y1/2 Daring Ducklings	9.00am	2.55pm	Y1 Cloakroom
Y3/4 Stupendous Squirrels	8.50am	3.05pm	Outside the classroom door- see markings
Y3/4 Wondrous Whales	8.50am	3.05pm	Outside the classroom door- see markings
Y3/4 Blissful Badgers	8.50am	3.05pm	Outside the classroom door- see markings
Y5- Omniscient Otters	8.40am	3.15pm	Y5 main entrance
Y5 -Super Seals	8.40am	3.15pm	Y5 side entrance
Y6 Leaping Lions	8.40am	3.15pm	Y6 classroom door
Y6 Magnificent	8.40am	3.15am	Y6 classroom side

<b>Monkeys</b>			entrance
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**NOTE:** If you have siblings you will be able to drop them all at the earliest time. For example, if you have a child in Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 you would drop them all at 8.40am and collect them all at the earliest time for 2.55pm as this is when Reception get picked up.

### **How will we move around school?**

We will be operating a one way system around school. This will have signs, clear arrows and will be strictly one way. Pupils will be dropped by you near their school door and then they will be greeted by the class teacher. Parents will then walk around and out of the main entrance. We want to be clear that **you need to be responsible for your own social distancing** and we will support with that.

### **What will break and lunchtimes look like?**

Break times and lunch times will be staggered in school so as different year groups have minimal opportunities to mix; we will also not be holding any communal gatherings in school i.e. assemblies.

### **What will children wear in September?**

We will be asking that pupils return in school uniform.

### **Will we be running breakfast club and after school clubs?**

We will be offering breakfast club from 7.30am although after-school clubs will be closed for the first two weeks of the term at least.

### **If I am in Reception or do 30 hours in Nursery will I be in school full time from day 1?**

No, you will have reduced hours for the first 3 days. You have already received this information and will be full time from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

I know this will seem like a long list of things we cannot do. But they are simply a list of precautions that we are putting into place to keep everyone safe. A more detailed plan is available on the school website. I will also be putting another video on the website to explain some of the procedures that we will be using.

The great news is that we are back in September! Every staff member and governor at St James is excited about this and cannot wait to see your child. I want to remind parents that attendance is compulsory for **all pupils** (this has been made clear by the government guidance).

I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support and help over this very challenging time. I am so grateful to all of you for your help and support. I would also like to publically thank the amazing staff at St James- they have been incredible and words cannot sum up how grateful I am. I appreciate it beyond measure

Have a great summer everyone and see you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Tolson

Headteacher

*“And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.”*

~ Haruki Murakami ~  
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