

Pupil Premium

Our school receives additional funding, 'Pupil Premium', to provide extra support to children from families in receipt of certain benefits, with low income or with children adopted from care. We will ask you to complete a form relating to your household income to ensure as a school we receive the correct financial support for pupils. If you feel you may be entitled please email admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk and somebody can help you to apply online.

Parent Helpers

We value the positive benefits of parental help in school. Once the children have settled into their new class, Mrs West will organise parent helpers to come into school.

Get Involved

We run a **Parent Forum** in school and each class has a representative. We strongly advise someone to step forward as they can help you all get to know each other and give important feedback to the school for its continued development.

We have a very active **PTA** and strongly recommend you getting involved as it is a great and fun way to meet new parents.

Communicating with school

We have an 'open-door' policy at St George's. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need to speak to the teacher or teaching assistant. You can pass messages onto the class teacher in the morning or you can have a quick chat at pick up time or make an appointment via email or the school office.

School website: <https://www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/>

Office email: admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher email: headteacher@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Class letters and newsletters are published every Friday.

Breakfast and After school care

We run our own Breakfast Club with sessions from 7.30am to the start of school. Starting in September we also have a new After School Club provision which will run from 3.15pm to 5.30pm. To book onto these sessions please complete Booking Forms which can be found on our website. Both will need to be pre-booked and paid in advance to secure places.

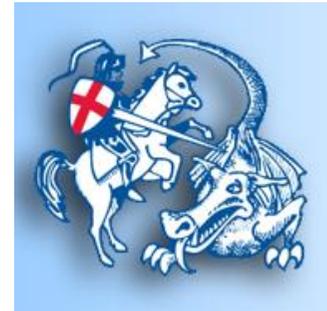
Parking

Please do not park on the zigzag lines outside of the school gates as this is very dangerous, particularly when children are arriving or leaving school.

We promote walking to school where possible to minimise traffic congestion outside the school and for our near neighbours.

Welcome to St George's CEP School

'Bringing faith and education together'



Handy Hints for Starting School

Parents' Information Booklet

Amended Version July 2020

Preparation for September 2020 New Intake

Due to renewed Government guidelines we have had to make amendments to our plans for your child's start in their journey at St. George's. This booklet is the revised version for you.

If you have any questions please email admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

Familiarisation

These sessions will be held:

Tuesday 1st September	2:20 – 2:50pm	(Storytime Session)
Wednesday 2nd September	2:20-2:50pm	(Storytime Session)
Thursday 3rd September	1:45pm – 2:45pm	(Play session)

We recommend one parent to bring your child to and from the sessions above. On Tuesday and Wednesday we will be able to invite you into school to wait while your child has their familiarisation session. During these times we will be doing presentations and talks so we are able to get to know each other better. On Thursday you will not need to stay. Entering and exiting the school will be via the main school gate only for these days.

Start of Term

We have a staggered entry into St George's to ensure a smooth transition for your child and the class as a whole.

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th September 9.00am until 12:00pm.
Thursday 10th & Friday 11th September 9.00am until 12:30pm (these days will include a school dinner or you will need to provide a packed lunch)
Monday 14th September full time 9:00am until 3:00pm.

Both main gates at the front and the back of the school will be open for your arrival at 9.00am as well as the green gates in reception class where you will hand over the care of your child to the class teacher. Please maintain respectful social distance between families and leave promptly for everyone's safety.

Bible Church Service

We have had to postpone this event currently but will look to see how we can plan for this event at a later date or in a different way.

Daily Routine

The school day begins at 9:00am and Oak Class gates will be opened by the class teacher and the main gates close at 9:15am. After this time your child will be marked as late and will need to enter the school via the main gates at the KS2 end of the school.

At the end of the school day at 3:00pm Oak Class will be brought to the KS2 playground where you will be able to wait on the playground socially distanced and we will release each child to their parent. If someone other than yourselves are collecting your child this needs to be recorded in your child's contact book. In case of a late emergency then you will need to call and inform the school office to give your consent.

Fruit and Milk

Children can bring in their own healthy snack for the morning (fruit or vegetables) and we will provide a piece of fruit for the afternoon. Their snack from home can be kept in their book bag.

Universal Free School Dinner / Packed Lunch

School Dinners are cooked in our school kitchen. Our school dinner provider is currently Caterlink Ltd and school meals are Government funded until your child enters Year 3. We would encourage you to take this option to allow children to experience a range of foods with their friends. However, should you wish you may provide your child with a packed lunch. Please note we are a **nut free school** (this includes chocolate spread).

Tapestry

We use Tapestry an online learning journal to share special moments of your child's development. You will receive an activation email for you to set up a password for your account. You can download the app and in your pack are some usage instructions. You will receive notifications when we have uploaded a photo of your child during their learning. We encourage you to upload photos of their learning at home, whether this is riding a bike, a special day out or reading a book. We will contact you when this activation email is released.

Getting Ready for School

Many parents ask how they can help their child before and during their early days at school. Without doubt, the greatest contribution is to help your child to explore the world with confidence. For instance, talk about objects and pictures, encourage your child to describe things to you. In addition, confidence in the following skills will help during the early days at school:

- To dress him/herself and fasten zips and buttons
- To put shoes and socks on
- To use the toilet independently
- To wash and dry his/her hands
- To use a knife and fork
- To use a handkerchief/tissue
- To be able to listen and focus to stories and instructions
- To recognise his/her name
- To begin to write his/her name
- To count and begin to recognise some numbers

Uniform

We ask that all children must have the school logo navy jumper (compulsory), white shirt or polo shirt and black school shoes with a Velcro fastening or a fastening they can independently do. Grey trousers or shorts for boys, navy blue skirt or pinafore for girls or blue checked dress for the summer months. School fleeces and coats are available; we ask that all children have a waterproof coat available to them ideally left in school, a pair of wellies to be left in school and a pair of waterproof trousers or all in one suits. All children will need a school logo book bag, a sports cap water bottle, a PE bag containing their house colour t-shirt, navy shorts and plimsolls.

You can request a uniform order form from Mrs Scriven at admin@st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk