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Dear Parents,

The weather has taken a little turn from the amazing sunshine but if you're like me then thoughts have turned to new school shoes, uniform and any other bits and pieces each individual school is requiring.

Behind the scenes in school we have been preparing our protocols for a safe return and opening for Thursday 3rd September for Years 1 to 6. On our new website www.st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk you will be able to read in full our 'September 2020 School Opening' plan. This will give you details about our day to day protocols. Despite not being a fan of being in front of a camera I will do a video and pop onto the Class dojos early next week so you can have some visuals too.

I am looking forward to meeting our new reception class who are also briefly coming in next week at set times as they were unable to prior to the end of the last academic year.

Just another reminder about school timings.

One child at St George's (Year 1-6): Drop off 8.30am Pick Up 3.15pm

More than one sibling at St George's (Year 1-6): Drop off 8.45am Pick Up 3.20pm

Oak Class (Reception) and Pre-school: Drop off 9.00am Pick up 3.00pm

It is important to be on time for drop off and pick-ups. We are all working together to minimise contact with members of our community so one parent is sufficient as we are all still adhering to social distancing measures. We would also encourage you to not congregate outside of school. We would encourage you to walk where possible, if you did need to drive then please note that the school gates will be in use so you SHOULD NOT use this as a turning around area. There will also be restrictions on parking outside of the school on the road school side to ensure we can adhere to social distancing measures so be prepared to park further down in the village and walk up to the school gates. Please be mindful that residents' driveways should not be blocked and parking on corners can be dangerous for all.

A reminder that we are minimising the items bought into school as these need to be wiped down and impacts on time we want to be spending with the children for their well-being and learning.

I would ask you to provide:

- * Small, simple back pack
- * Named sports capped water bottle
- * Lunch box (though we are hoping that we will be able to provide a hot dinner service through Caterlink – watch this space!)
- * Reading book (including reading record)

Children will be provided with their own stationary and individual pencil cases in school so you WILL NOT need to bring these to school.

The first full week we are focusing on our school's 50th Anniversary of being here on the site! The children have a week of activities planned in their classes to enjoy so there is no PE day set that week. We will move to children coming into school in their PE kit on the allocated day the week after so we will let you know which day as we come back into school. The official day of the actual school's birthday is Tuesday 15th September. Don't be surprised if I make the first home learning task of the year based on cakes!

I'm aware there is a lot of discussion in the media about schools reopening but would advise you make direct contact with us if you have any questions via admin@st-geroges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk

It is important the information you get relates to our school setting and any information comes directly from us.

I hope you've had a chance to look at our new website. This will be where you will be kept up to date with latest information. There is a new tab on the home page entitled 'Vacancies' that you may be interested to keep an eye on.

I will be in touch again next week. Stay safe and well.

Mrs E Rye

Headteacher