



# Normanton All Saints CE (A) Infant School

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'An outstanding example of a Church school' SIAS 2003  
'All Saints Infant School is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2007  
'The school's performance has been sustained' Interim assessment OFSTED 2010  
'The school's distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church school is outstanding' SIAS 2012  
'This is an outstanding school' OFSTED 2013  
'Outstanding' SIAMS 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

I would like to begin by saying a warm welcome to all our new Nursery and Upper Foundation Stage children and a welcome back to our existing children and their families. I hope you and your child have enjoyed the well-deserved Summer break. We have had a wonderful first week in school. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and we have been impressed by the excellent attitude and learning behaviours they have already started to show. On our first day back, we certainly enjoyed joining together as a whole school family during our worship time and it was wonderful to see how happy and smart the children looked.

We are very much looking forward to the school year ahead and we continue to be committed to working alongside you to make sure your child is happy, safe, valued, enjoys learning and that they achieve their full potential.

## Autumn term diary dates

Alongside this newsletter, please find the dates which have been set for the full Autumn term. Further information regarding the events will be sent nearer the time via newsletters or by text message. Dates and events are also uploaded onto our school website ([www.allsaintsinfantsnormanton.co.uk](http://www.allsaintsinfantsnormanton.co.uk)). We will also continue to use the school Twitter page to share and to post photographs so please follow our school on Twitter @NormantonAS.

## PE Days

The children will be taking part in weekly PE sessions, led by Mr Price as well as external PE coaches and their teachers. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day. Our PE kit policy consists of a plain white t-shirt, navy/ black PE shorts or navy/ black tracksuit bottoms and a top and a pair of trainers or PE pumps. Long hair will also need to be tied back on these days and jewellery including earrings will need to be removed or taped. PE will start next week and will be on the following days:

Mrs Anderson/ Miss Gallagher's class (Turtles)- Monday

Mr Price/ Miss Jarvis' class (Foxes) - Tuesday

Mrs Wood- Stones' class (Giraffes)-Wednesday

Year One (all classes)- Tuesday and Thursday

Year Two (all classes)- Wednesday and Friday

## School uniform, equipment and lunchtimes

The children have returned to school looking very smart and proud in their school uniform. Please could you take the time to make sure your child's full name is included in all items of school uniform and their belongings. If you require a permanent marker please just call into the school office and the staff will be more than happy to help you. Each day your child will need to bring their bookbag with them as well as a water bottle filled with only still plain water. Children who have a packed lunch at lunchtimes will not need a further drink as they are provided with water to drink. As the children come into school on a morning they can choose what they would like for their school dinner. Our school lunch menus are available on the website for you to share with your child.

## Pupil information

Please can all parents of our Nursery and Upper Foundation Stage pupils make sure that they complete pupil information and permission booklets and hand these to their child's class teacher as soon as possible. For parents of existing pupils please can you inform the school office with any changes to contact information such as new telephone numbers or if you require additional emergency contacts adding to your child's records. Thank you.



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## New to year group meetings for parents

We will be starting the new school year with a year group meeting for all parents to attend. These are short but important information meetings led by the teachers. Each meeting will include information about the daily routines and the curriculum. We will be also sharing information with parents about our **new reading scheme** and how to best support your child with this at home. We will look forward to welcoming parents into our school hall on the following dates:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September- Upper Foundation Stage parent meeting at 9am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Year 1 parent meeting at 9am
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September- Year 2 parent meeting at 2.15pm

## COVID- 19 Pandemic

The DfE guidance for schools changed during August and I would therefore like to share with you some updates and changes. In line with this we have reviewed and amended our Risk Assessment and will continue to do so as required or when the guidance changes.

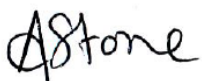
- **Bubbles.** As there is no longer a requirement for children or staff to remain in bubbles our children have enjoyed mixing and being together at playtimes, lunchtimes and worship/ assembly times.
- **Face coverings** are no longer advised for staff and visitors either in classrooms or communal areas. Therefore, masks are no longer required outside when dropping off or collecting your child from school. However, we are aware that our school grounds can be extremely busy at certain times and we will therefore respect any parent who may wish to continue to wear a face covering. Staff have also been given the choice to wear masks.
- **Hand washing and ventilation.** We will still be ensuring that our children are regularly washing and sanitising their hands throughout the day including as they enter the school. We will also make sure that windows continue to be opened to allow adequate ventilation in all areas of the school.
- **Asymptomatic testing.** School staff will continue to carry out LFT testing twice weekly until the end of September where this will be further reviewed by the DfE. Please do not use LFT tests to prove a negative COVID result, if a child develops symptoms the must isolate immediately and get a PCR test to rule out COVID. If you do not wish to get a PCR test for your child, they will not be able to return to school for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.
- School will no longer be responsible for the identifying and isolation of pupils or staff and this will now only be done through the **NHS Test and Trace** who will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Individuals who live in the same household as someone who tests positive for COVID 19 are no longer required to self-isolate if any of the following apply
  - ✓ They are fully vaccinated (have had both doses).
  - ✓ They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months.
  - ✓ They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial.
  - ✓ They are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. We would strongly encourage individuals to do this if contacted.

- **Confirmed PCR tests.** Staff and pupils with a positive PCR test will need to self-isolate for 10 days.
- **School entrances and exits.** Parents will need to drop off and collect their child directly from their child's classroom door. We are aware that the start and the end of the day can become very busy and congested so please could we ask parents to be patient and queue outside whilst the teachers ensure the children are safely entering and leaving the classroom. Miss Freear's class will now be entering and exiting their classroom at the hall doors. Parents of Mrs Lewis' and Miss Hargrave's class please could we ask that you queue and wait for your child inside the front school gates and not outside the school on the path at the roadside. This is once again to ensure the safety of families walking on the path when leaving the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or to speak to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Stone  
Headteacher



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