

St John's Primary School

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Monday 5th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year at St John's Primary School. I am so proud to be writing my first letter to you as the Headteacher of this wonderful school. The team and I are very excited to welcome your children back to school tomorrow morning.

I wanted to share several updates in advance of the new term:

Welcome to our new Staff Members

Alongside myself, we have 4 new teachers starting with us at St. John's. I would like to extend a warm welcome Mrs Manners in Reception, Miss Bashforth in Year 4, Miss Clavel in Year 5 and Miss Wilson, our new Year 6 teacher.

PTA AGM and Meet the Teachers

On **Monday 12th September** we have our annual PTA AGM followed by our "Meet the Teacher" session in the classrooms. We have scheduled this to start at 5:30pm and will aim to finish by 6:30pm. The initial 40 minutes will be in the hall with a brief introduction from myself prior to the AGM and then the latter 20 minutes in the classrooms meeting your child's new teacher.

PE Days

Please see the PE days outlined below for each of our classes. Please ensure that your child is sent into school wearing the full school PE Kit on the days given:

Reception- dates to be confirmed in due course

Year 1- Tuesday and Friday

Year 2- Wednesday and Friday

Year 3- Thursday and Friday

Year 4- Monday and Tuesday

Year 5- Thursday and Friday

Year 6- Monday and Wednesday

COVID Updates

Ahead of the new term we just wanted to remind you of the current guidance:

Current COVID measures

Ahead of the return to school tomorrow, parents are reminded of the public health measures that remain in place. These include:

- i. lateral flow testing at home
- ii. nobody should attend if they have symptoms of COVID
- iii. nobody should attend after a positive test until they have completed the recommended isolation period
- iv. improved ventilation including the use of CO2 monitors and air filtration devices
- v. increased hygiene protocols and guidance

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Symptoms

It is important that we all watch out for the symptoms of COVID.

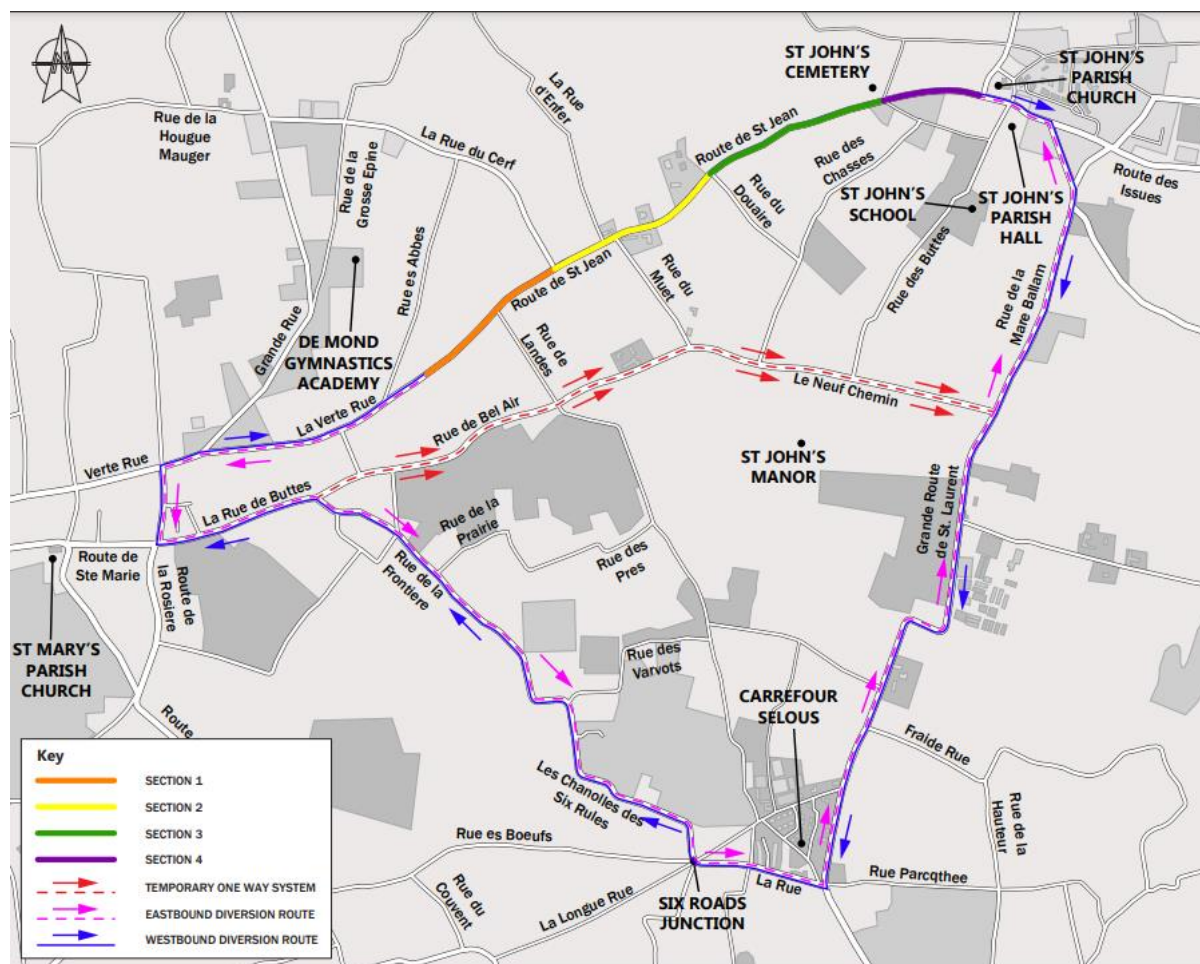
Nobody should attend an education setting if they have symptoms of COVID. If you have symptoms, you should stay at home and book a PCR test.

Lateral flow testing

All children and staff who attend nursery, school or college should take lateral flow tests twice per week

Closure of Route de St Jean

As you will be aware I am sure, over the next 6 weeks sections of La Route de St Jean will be closed for essential maintenance. This may affect traffic in the area however I am reliably informed that section 4 works have now been completed and therefore our morning drop off and collection protocols remain unaffected.



Additional Day of School Closure in the Autumn Term

School will be closed to all pupils of Friday 21st October- the Friday prior to the Half Term Break. This was agreed by the Government of Jersey for teachers and teaching assistants as part of the 2022 pay settlement. Therefore, the Autumn Half-term begins for children and these staff at the close of school

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on Thursday 20th October. I wanted to notify you parents as soon as possible to allow for smooth planning for childcare on that day.

The Big Wander Quiz

The Big Wander quiz encourages Islanders to explore Jersey by foot whilst learning more about its democratic system. There are 50 questions with answers to be found in all 12 Parishes. The quiz can be completed in stages until it closes at midnight on Sunday 25 September. Young Islanders can tag their school when they enter and the school(s) with the most entries and highest point score will be announced, and prizes awarded, on stage in the Royal Square during the Corn Riots festival, on Friday 30 September.

To take part in The Big Wander, simply download the 'Goosechase' app and find The Big Wander by entering the code 5W456R or download a copy of the quiz questions from the States Assembly website and submit your answers via email to statesgreffe@gov.je

I, like all the staff members at St John's, look forward to seeing you all tomorrow.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Hazley
Headteacher