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Weekly Information Bulletin



Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

Prayer

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in our community.

We thank you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to keep all members of our school family safe over the summer.

We look forward to a new school year, where we can all join together once again.

Amen

First Week Arrangements in September 2020

In order to separate year groups and ensure that all pupils receive adequate safety and hygiene training to reduce the risk of Covid 19, there will be a staggered start during the first week of term. The school site will open from 8.20am.

A breakfast service will be available from 8.20am to 8.50am. We strongly encourage pupils to make use of this service as there will only be one lunch break during the day. We also encourage your child to arrive during the thirty-minute slot at the start of the day, to avoid crowding between 8.45am and 8.50am.

- Friday 4 September 2020 – Year 7 only
- Monday 7 September 2020 - Year 11 + Year 7
- Tuesday 8 September 2020 - Year 10 + Year 7 & Year 11
- Wednesday 9 September 2020 - Year 9 + Year 7, Year 10 & Year 11
- Thursday 10 September 2020 - Year 8 + Year 7, Year 9, Year 10 & Year 11
- Friday 11 September 2020 - All year groups in school

Please note, all pupils will be required to wear winter uniform of school shirt, tie and blazer.

All pupils are also expected to bring their own bag, pencil case and writing equipment – they cannot borrow or share. All pupils will also need a waterproof coat or jacket because outside spaces will be used throughout the day to keep pupils separated.

Message from Headteacher Miss Marston

As we come to the end of the school year I would like to thank all the parents and pupils for their efforts to keep in touch and complete school work set during the last few unprecedented months. I would also like to say a huge thankyou to all the staff who have worked tirelessly to email, phone and meet with pupils in an effort to retain some level of education and sense of Saint John Wall community spirit during this time.

In June we began a phased return to learning with Year 10 pupils and over a quarter of pupils attended. During this last week we have met with pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 and I am pleased that over 90 pupils attended each day. It was fantastic to see you and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September. Please read carefully all the information posted home to you about the dates, timings and arrangements to ensure a safe full return to school. Some of this information is also featured in this newsletter and on our school website.

Today we had a socially distanced staff meeting where we said thankyou and goodbye to several staff. Mr Myatt, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Aghanenu were all covering temporary roles whilst other staff were on maternity or medical leave. Mr Warrington, Miss Burdick, Miss Dowling and Mr Pickering are all moving to live and work outside Birmingham. Miss Quinn is beginning her University studies and Mr Timmins is joining the army. We wish them all good luck and best wishes for the future.



Remember: Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

Goodbye to Members of Staff



"I have absolutely loved my three years at Saint John Wall, I am absolutely gutted to be leaving all the incredible students and staff but I have a new chapter waiting for me in Somerset. I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of students to teach and you will always be remembered. Thank you to everybody who has helped and supported me at Saint John Wall in the last three years, I wouldn't be where I am without you! Take care of yourselves and I'm sure I will come up and visit in the future."

By Miss Burdick



"First of all can I start by saying a huge thank you to all the staff and pupils for accepting me into the SJW family, you have all been amazing. It has been a fantastic experience that has helped lay the foundations for my own future learning which will stay with me throughout my teaching career. I'd also like to wish all the pupils the very best with their future studies - keep being the best you can be!! I hope each and everyone of you have a fantastic, well deserved break over the summer holidays."

Best Wishes and God Bless

By Miss Shepherd



"I would like to say thank you to everyone at SJW who has welcomed me into this school community this year. My time here has been a great experience, and it has been lovely getting to know all the staff and students. I'll miss you all!"

By Miss Quinn



"Thank you for having me this past year or so. It has been a great journey".

By Mrs Aghanenu



"I have enjoyed my time working at Saint John Wall over the last four years, I am leaving with some cherished memories of the students who I have had the pleasure to teach. I wish you all the best of luck in the future."

By Mr Pickering



"I have really enjoyed my time at Saint John Wall. The advice I have received as a trainee has helped me to develop my skills as a teacher more than I thought possible and I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to train here. The welcoming and nurturing atmosphere at the school for both staff and pupils is a real triumph. This experience has shaped the way I approach teaching and I will be sure to take that with me into future positions."

By Mr Warrington



"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to begin my teaching career at SJW, with the continuous support of my form and my colleagues. It has been an unforgettable experience, being a part of so many lives and watching students grow into polite, mature young adults which really does make teaching so fulfilling. I will particularly miss the students that I teach and also the Art & Design Department, whereby I have been shown a considerable amount of support and friendship throughout my time at SJW. Rest assured, my leave has not been taken lightly which emphasises the impact SJW has had on my life. I wish all of the students and wonderful teachers the best of luck for the future and I hope we can stay in touch! Take Care and Keep Smiling."

By Miss Dowling



"Many thanks to all concerned for your kind support and help during this, my second stint, at Saint John Wall. Particular thanks and appreciation go to colleagues in the English Department but I have received a lot of help and encouragement from colleagues across the school, for which I am grateful.

I am particularly impressed by the clear appreciation of our students' needs and how they can be met, shown by colleagues. I value also, the collective sense of humour shared by all, which has made my time here enjoyable as well as rewarding. Thanks to you all."

By Mr Myatt



"I have really enjoyed working at Saint John wall. My time here has presented a plethora of opportunities to help pupils and staff and for that I am most thankful. The school has helped me to grow as a person and develop skills that I will use forever. I will miss you all and I wish you all every success for the future."

By Mr Timmins

Message from Chair of Governors

"The price of excellence is eternal vigilance"

We've all doubtless found our own way of surviving the ordeal of lockdown. Reading the school's weekly newsletter we've learned how some members of staff have occupied their time either in the garden or in the kitchen. Many of us have probably used the time to catch up on TV programmes and films we may have missed. I've made a point of watching the American series 'Better Call Saul'. In one of the episodes Jimmy McGill's brother Chuck said something which seems appropriate in our current circumstances. He said:

"The price of excellence is eternal vigilance":

Over many weeks I have been in regular contact with Miss Marston whose response, and that of her colleagues, to the pandemic has indeed been excellent. Once the government announced that from June schools would be re-opening for Year 10 pupils she has kept me informed of developments on a daily basis. I cannot thank Miss Marston and the staff enough for all they have done in supporting pupils' welfare and in encouraging them to continue their studies at home. I've already mentioned our excellent weekly newsletter. It has included an enormous range of learning activities that staff have made available on-line to pupils in all subjects as well as offering them valuable advice to support their own well-being. It has also included ideas of how to help others within the community who may be struggling.

As it is only recently that families and friends have been able to meet in person many of us have been using Zoom to keep in touch. Well it has been similar for us as governors who have only been able to meet virtually. Our overriding priority has of course been in ensuring the school has established a safe environment for staff and pupils. We have also been involved in more mundane matters such as improving the catering facilities at school including the quality and range of food provided. A vital concern, as you are all too aware, for hungry teenagers! Last week Mr John explained to governors in great detail how the school has done its very best to make sure our Year 11 pupils receive the GCSE grades their hard work over the past five years deserves. You will have heard on the news how complicated it has been for schools and exam boards this summer.

Grades are to be based on pupils' overall performance rather than solely on a final exam. Nothing can ever be guaranteed but Mr John is confident of relaying to us all some really good news on the third Thursday in August.

At the other end of the school the induction of primary-age pupils due to start here in September has been badly affected. Miss Marston outlined to governors her planning to enable all pupils to start back in September. Governors were impressed with how she has arranged a really sensible start to the new school year especially for our new Year 7 pupils. As parents it is understandable to feel a little anxious but please do not worry unnecessarily. Once again I have to mention the newsletter and also our superb website (www.sjw.bham.sch.uk) which provides all you will need to know.

The comprehensive programme whereby Year 8 pupils choose the pathways they wish to follow though to Year 11 has again, inevitably, been disrupted. Ms Hanson reported to governors how she has guided pupils, and their parents, to overcome this in making wise choices about the selection of subjects to study at GCSE and BTec levels over the next three years.

Mrs Crooks also outlined the detailed safeguarding programme she and her colleagues have been following to support families. Numerous phone calls have been made and many home visits have taken place to show how the school is there to help however it can. Each week since March Mrs Crooks has submitted to Birmingham City Council a report outlining what the school has done and flagging up any specific concerns. She has left no stone unturned.

I wish I had the space to identify and thank individually all members of staff whose commitment and goodwill have allowed Miss Marston to steer the school through the choppy waters of these turbulent months but to do so I would need to publish the entire staff list!

The end of each school year sees us bidding farewell to staff that are moving on. They leave with our gratitude for all their hard work and with our very best wishes for the future.

I wish all members of our school community and their families a safe and happy summer holiday and end with this prayer:

For those who are suffering from the impact of coronavirus may the Lord of Mercy bring them health and healing. For those who are working tirelessly to care for those who are seriously ill may the Lord of Love give them courage and wisdom in their service of the most vulnerable. For those dedicated to finding vaccines and treatments for this contagion may the Lord of Wisdom grant them all knowledge and understanding. For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one at this time may the Lord of Hope give them strength and courage to continue in their faith. And for all who have died may the Lord of Life raise them up and welcome them into their heavenly home. Amen. Saint John Wall. Pray for us.

Martin Jones
Chair of Governors

PUPIL SAFETY MEASURES

Do not come to school if you have any symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

When attending school

- Stay in your Year group bubble.
- Socially distance from others as much as possible. Stay 2 metres apart from your teachers and pupils outside your year group. Try to stay 1 metre apart from other pupils in your Year group.
- Follow the queuing and one-way systems around school.
- Clean your hands regularly (hand gel, sinks and hygiene stations are available).
- Catch a cough or sneeze in a tissue, and bin it – bins are provided in every classroom.
- Avoid touching door handles, light switches and hand rails where possible.
- Make sure your behaviour does not endanger the health of others.

Travelling to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk, cycle or come in a car. • Avoid public transport if you can. • If you have to use public transport, you must wear a face covering, and you could get off earlier and walk, so you spend less time on the bus.
Equipment and uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear full school uniform including blazer and tie. • Bring any medication e.g. inhaler. • You must bring your own pencil case and equipment – you cannot borrow or share. • Bring a waterproof coat because you will have to wait outside for lesson changeovers and lunchtime.
Entering the school site. Arrive between 8.20am and 8.50am.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait outside and queue on the lane until the school gates are opened. • Use the dots to socially distance from other pupils. • Remove face coverings and dispose, or store in your bag. • Sanitise your hands at the entrance. • There will be a breakfast service in the canteen. Follow the one-way system to wash your hands and purchase any breakfast or snacks for later in the morning. • Follow the one-way system past the sinks to wash your hands before waiting on your allocated playground.
Start of school and lesson changeovers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils will line up outside on your allocated playground and be collected by your teachers. Make sure you have a waterproof coat in case it is raining. • Year 10 and 11 pupils can enter the building and go to lessons using the one-way system.
Tutor time and lessons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit at your seating plan seat for the whole lesson. • Use your own pencil case and writing equipment. You cannot borrow or share equipment. • If you are using school equipment for science or PE use it within your allocated group and do not swap equipment around the class.

Toilets/ lunch break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can use the breakfast service to buy breakfast and a snack for later in the morning. There will only be 1 lunchtime during the day, no morning break. You will be permitted to eat a fruit or school purchased snack during your morning toilet break. You will need to queue for the toilet and only one pupil will be permitted in the toilet area at any one time. Stay 2 metres away from pupils who are not in your year group.
Breakfast service 8.20am to 8.50am.	
Lunchtime Years 7, 8 and 9 - 12.15 to 12.50. Years 10 and 11 - 13.00 to 13.35.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At lunchtime wait on your allocated playground until a member of staff lets you know the canteen is clear. Use the one-way and queuing systems to wash your hands and line up for lunch. Stay 2 metres away from pupils who are not in your year group.
Leaving school. From 14.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will finish with a staggered exit. Socially distance from other pupils as much as possible. Don't wait for other pupils – go straight home. Avoid public transport if you can.
Enhanced cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School will be cleaned daily after you leave. Frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.
Latecomers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait outside reception until you are admitted. Follow the hygiene measures to enter. You will be escorted to your lesson by a member of staff.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No unannounced visitors will be admitted.

The school day

8.20 am to 8.50 am	Breakfast service and entry to school. Wait in separate playgrounds.
8.50am to 9.10am	Tutor time
9.10am to 10.30am	Lesson 1
10.30 am to 11.45am	Lesson 2
11.45am to 13.35pm	Lesson 3 including staggered lunch break. Years 7, 8 and 9 have lunch at 12.15 to 12.50 Years 10 and 11 have lunch at 13.00 to 13.35
13.35 to 14.50	Lesson 4
14.45 to 14.50	Staggered exit for some year groups
14.50 to 15.50	Year 11 catch-up plus master classes for other year groups.





Dear Parents/Carers and students

HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

The summer holiday is fast approaching, it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint-approach helps us to intervene early to safeguard and to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students, and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to signpost you to <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/> Here you will find all the very latest COVID-19 guidance. We continue to thank you all for sticking to the rules and guidelines, you have all contributed to stopping the spread and we appreciate how hard the last few months have been. As some of the rules start being relaxed over the summer we still ask you to remain aware and maintain social distancing in order for us all to stay safe and stop the spread of the virus as we look to enjoy the summer break.

Here are a few other safety reminders:-

- **Personal Safety:** Sadly there are people out there who want what we have! We ask you to be vigilant as you enjoy your summer. Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible. We recognise that more and more people are using pedal bikes, especially within our fantastic green spaces across the West Midlands. Please never leave your bikes unattended and always use a sturdy lock to secure it if you ever need to be away from it.
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in the future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.

If you need our help we're here for you. Ask us a question on our website or speak to us on live chat at www.west-midlands.police.uk. If you don't have access to the internet, then dial 101 for non-emergency calls, and always dial 999 in an emergency, alternatively Crimestoppers is a service available to report anonymously, you can do this by visiting their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling 0800 555 111, this is not however for emergency incidents.

Also keep up to date with what's happening in your local area, by signing up to our free community messaging system WMNow at www.wmnow.co.uk. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours sincerely

K Marston

Miss K Marston
Headteacher
Saint John Wall Catholic School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mat Shaer'.

Mat Shaer
Chief Superintendent - East NPU
West Midlands Police

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Graham'.

Stephen Graham
Chief Superintendent - West
NPU
West Midlands Police

Summer Holiday Clubs



Birmingham Youth Service
(Birmingham City Council)
(29/04/2020)

Centre	Offer	Telephone Number	When
All Centres	All youth workers will be maintaining regular contact with young people supported through the YPP programme and young people that are vulnerable All Centres will also have an active online presence to communicate with young people including setting them interactive games and challenges		
<u>Lighthouse Young Peoples Centre Aston/Lozells</u>	<p>Telephone Service to all young people and community groups</p> <p>Online music workshops (groups/ individuals)</p> <p>Delivering and collection of food parcels to young people and families.</p> <p>Telephone calls to young people</p> <p>Detached/ outreach sessions</p>	<p>07548 712857</p> <p>From July 13th Active</p> <p>From July 13th</p>	<p>Monday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Monday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Tuesday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Wednesday 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday 10:30 am – 3:00 pm Thursday 10:30 am – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Monday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Thursday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Wednesday 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm</p> <p>Monday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Thursday 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p>

<p>LRG Lozells</p>	<p>Telephone and Social Media support (Whatsapp & Instagram DM) available to all young people including YPP participants</p> <p>Online Maths Support Online Fitness & Well Being Session Online Life-skills workshop (day/time TBA)</p> <p>Detached Youth Work Starting w/c 20/7/2020</p>	<p>07955 086479 Shaid</p>	<p>Monday 11:00am - 7:00 pm Tuesday 11:00am - 7:00 pm Wednesday 11:00am - 3:00pm Thursday 11:00am - 7:00pm Friday 11:00am - 7:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday 2:00pm – 3:00pm Thursday 1:00pm – 2:00pm</p> <p>Tuesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm Wednesday 5:00pm – 7:00pm Friday 5:00pm – 7:00pm</p>
<p>ER Mason Ladywood</p>	<p>Telephone support available to young people</p> <p>Distribution of wellbeing packs started the week beginning 22/06/2020 and will take place once a week.</p> <p>Outreach sessions to be started in Ladywood on Tuesday 7th July 6-8pm.</p>	<p>07712436323 Claire</p> <p>Claire 07712 436 323</p>	<p>Monday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Thursday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm</p>
<p>Soho youth Project</p>	<p>Telephone support available to young people/WhatsApp/texting</p> <p>Facebook and Instagram quiz/DM's/consultations/one to one support</p> <p>Detached Youth Work to begin from the 6th July</p>	<p>07548712858 Nighat</p>	<p>Monday. 12:00-8:00pm Tuesday 12:00-8:00pm Wednesday 12:00-8:00pm Thursday 12:00- 8:00pm Friday. 10:00-6:00pm</p>

<p>Vibe</p>	<p>Telephone Support available to young people Monday – Friday 0900 – 1800hrs</p> <p>Health and safe checks with young people</p> <p>Monday Outreach 6 – 8pm</p> <p>Thursday Outreach 6 – 8pm Zoom Session 6 - 8pm</p> <p>Friday Outreach 1 – 3pm</p> <p>Health and safe checks with young people</p>	<p>07823535012</p> <p>Dave</p>	
<p>Oakland Young People’s Centre (Oaklands)</p>	<p>Telephone support available to young people.</p> <p>WhatsApp and texting available also.</p> <p>Zoom Session Girls Only (DM on Insta for link)</p> <p>Zoom Session Open Access/Quiz and Games session (DM on Insta for link)</p> <p>DM Insta 1-1 Support</p> <p>Email Support</p>	<p>07548712859</p> <p>Desta</p> <p>@oaklandsb21</p> <p>@oaklandsb21</p> <p>desta.hall@birmingham.gov.uk</p>	<p>Mon – Friday 12pm-5pm</p> <p>Every other Wednesday at 4pm</p> <p>Every Friday at 5pm</p> <p>Mon-Fri</p>

<p>Participation Project</p>	<p>Telephone support available to young people</p> <p>Producing literature for young people by young people around staying safe.</p> <p>Aspiring Youth Council weekly 1.5 hours Zoom meetings every Tuesday 4:30pm including an election of roles and 2 subgroup campaign meetings led by Chair & vice Chair reporting to Aspiring Youth.</p> <p>Regularly communicating with Aspiring Youth Council through email, Whats app, twitter & phone sharing various material that's deemed useful for young people.</p>	<p>07885235935</p> <p>Tom</p>	<p>Monday 9:30- 5:30pm Tuesday 9:30 –6;00pm</p> <p>Tuesday 4:30pm – 6pm</p> <p>Monday to Friday 9:30am - 6pm</p>
<p>610</p>	<p>Telephone support available to young people</p> <p>On line youth groups – cooking, music, quizzes, competitions</p> <p>Health and safe checks with young people</p>	<p>Steve Joseph</p>	<p>Monday. 12:00-5:00. Tuesday 12:00-5:00 Wednesday 12:00-5:00 Friday. 12:00-5:00</p> <p>Monday. Social media. 7pm-11.00pm Wednesday Social Media 7pm-11:00pm Friday. Social media 7pm-11:00pm</p>
<p>Umbrella Sexual Health</p>	<p>Telephone support for young people Online youth groups Insta 1-1 support Support the Birmingham Youth Champions</p> <p>Detached Work Commencing 6th July 2020</p>	<p>Myra Moyle</p> <p>07481795990</p> <p>Mandy Bonfield</p> <p>07548712860</p>	<p>Monday 9am-5pm Tuesday 1pm-8pm Wednesday 1pm-8pm Thursday 9am-5pm Friday 1pm –8pm</p>

