

10th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all safe and well, and that your child is looking forward to their first day at St George on Thursday 3rd September. We have now finalised our plans for the first day based on the new government guidance we have received; thank you very much for your patience. We know that your children may, understandably, be nervous about their first day in secondary school. This is why we have a 'Year 7 only' day where students will get to know the school as well as each other, without the older students being present.

Due to the current circumstances, we are staggering our arrival and leaving times per tutor group, to allow for social distancing and to aid with traffic congestion. This will only be the case for Thursday 3rd September. Mr Habberley has outlined the plans for the start of the year for all year groups commencing the following day in his accompanying letter. Please can I ask that, with the exception of siblings in the same year group, your child arrives at school and departs **on Thursday 3rd September** at the following times:

Bakhita – arrive 8.30am, depart 2.00pm

Drexel – arrive 8.40am, depart 2.10pm

Frassati – arrive 8.50am, depart 2.20pm

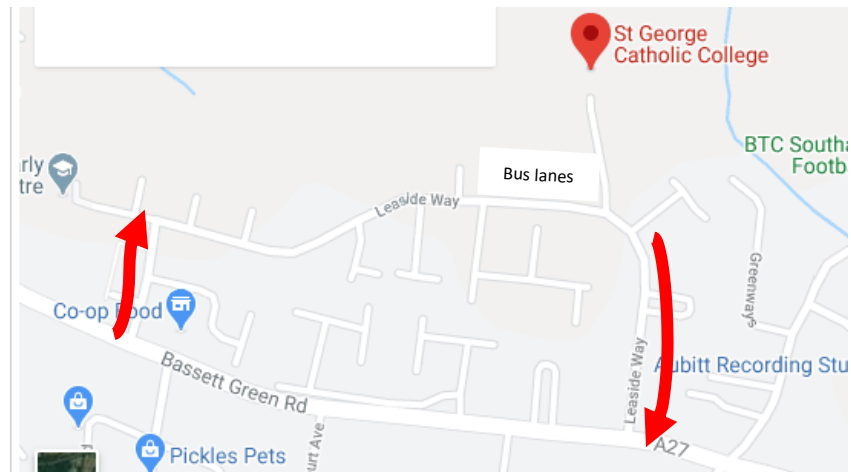
John-Paul – arrive 9.00am, depart 2.30pm

Kolbe – arrive 9.10am, depart 2.40pm

Romero – arrive 9.20am, depart 2.50pm

Teresa – arrive 9.30am, depart 3.00pm

There will be no school buses running on this first day so your child will need to be dropped off and collected. If you are driving to school, please could you enter Leaside Way from the west side and exit the east side as per the map below, and to park in the bus lanes if possible. This is to help with traffic congestion.



Please may I also ask that, due to the current circumstances regarding social distancing, you do not walk your child into school. I apologise for this as I fully appreciate that starting secondary school is a very important moment in both a child's and a parent/guardian's life, but it is to prevent congregations of people. I would like to assure you that your child will be in safe hands at St George, and we will have members of staff at the top of the road and near tutor bases to direct and help students to their tutor room, which is where they will start their day. There are also yellow markers on the pavement to ensure that students remain socially distant, and we will provide hand sanitiser from their arrival and throughout the day.

During this day, your child will register their fingerprint for our cashless catering system in order to buy lunch in the future, however not all fingerprints will be registered before lunch time. Therefore, solely for this day, **please can your child bring a packed lunch and bottle of water**. Students must also ensure that they are wearing their full winter uniform, and come equipped with a pencil case containing a pen and pencil.

Under normal circumstances, parents would be invited to an Information Evening after this first day. Unfortunately, we cannot offer this based on current rules regarding congregations and therefore **the Induction Evening for Parents on Thursday 3rd September is cancelled**. However, we have sent all of the information that you would usually receive during this evening via the post in the last few weeks. Sadly, we also do not believe that we will be able to hold our usual Settling-In Evening on Thursday 24th September. However, we will instead offer a virtual evening when our Year 7 tutors and I will be available via Microsoft Teams for you to ask any questions you may have, using your child's school login.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please email transition@stgcc.co.uk

Thank you for your co-operation, have a wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting you and our new students in September.

Yours faithfully,

G. Provenzano

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