

FS2 TRANSITION

2021 - 2022



MEETING FOR PARENTS & CARERS

There will be a live online (Zoom) meeting for the parents/carers of our new FS2 children at **6.00pm** on **Wednesday 30th June 2021**. Codes will be shared in due course. The meeting will also be recorded and made available to those unable to attend.

Those attending the meeting will be invited to ask questions during the meeting via the chat facility, which will be monitored throughout the meeting, and these will be covered.

Parents/carers with questions and concerns related specifically to their child or family circumstances are asked to contact us separately between now and the end of the new school year (16-07-21) via telephone (0114) 2485009 or email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

TASTER SESSIONS

Children joining our FS2 class in September will be invited in to school for a taster visit on **Wednesday 7th July 2021**. They will be able to attend one of the three sessions we are planning to run on the day. Children will be grouped so that those attending the same pre-school settings will be kept together. Each group will be kept small deliberately, in line with Public Health guidance. New FS2 parents/carers will be notified which sessions their children have been allocated. Unfortunately the sessions allocated cannot be changed.

As part of the plan agreed with the Sheffield Public Health Team, parents/carers are asked to keep us informed if their children or indeed any member of their households tests positive, exhibits symptoms, or is required to isolate before the taster day. Sadly, this could mean that a child might not be allowed to visit, however, at this time, it is the protection of public health that is the national priority. Unfortunately the taster session will not be rearranged.

Visiting children are asked to wear comfortable clothes and footwear, appropriate for the weather and for being outside. During their time with us the children will be kept completely separate from all pupils, including any siblings they might have who already attend our school. They will spend the majority of their time with us in our FS2 outside learning areas.

Parents/carers are asked to arrive at least ten minutes before the start of their child's allocated session, and queue with them outside the pedestrian gate. There are markings along the fence that are already spaced at two metres as a guide to help those queuing.



We ask parents/carers to wear face coverings whilst waiting in line, but the children with them do not have to wear masks. A member of staff will greet the queuing parents/carers in turn and ask each of them to confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, that no members of their households are isolating, symptomatic or have tested positive.

Once this has been done the visiting children will be welcomed in by FS2 staff and escorted to the FS2 area via the school playground. Unfortunately, parents/carers cannot be admitted and so will not be able to join their children for the taster sessions.

At the end of each taster session, we again ask parents/carers to queue at two-metre intervals wearing face coverings. The children will be brought back down to the school gate by FS2 staff before being released back into their care one by one*.

The sessions are timed so that the FS2 areas used by the children can be cleaned thoroughly and reset for each group. The timings are therefore as follows:

Group A 9.30am – 11.00am	Group B 1.30pm – 3.00pm	Group C 4.00pm – 5.30pm
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- Reminders**
1. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we will not be able to arrange additional taster sessions for children unable to attend their allocated session.
 2. Public Health England and the Sheffield Public Health team retain the right to change and cancel these arrangements, even at short notice, for example, if there is an outbreak of the Delta variant in our community. **Please** keep checking the SJF website and looking out for emails and updates.

HOME VISITS

Usually our FS2 team would visit the families of children joining our FS2 class at home. As restrictions have not been eased as anticipated, these visits will move online and the parents/carers of our new FS2 children will be contacted in due course about the Zoom meetings, along with the codes.

START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

- 06-09-21 First day for Years 1-6 only (**No FS2**)
 - 07-09-21 FS2 AM only (8.45am – 11.00am)
 - 08-09-21 FS2 AM only (8.45am – 11.00am)
 - 09-09-21 FS2 AM + lunch (8.45am – 1.30pm)
 - 10-09-21 FS2 full day (8.45am – 3.20pm)
- *Please note that collection arrangements on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th are the same as for the end of the taster sessions.

Please note that the 8.45am start was introduced this year as one of our COVID control measures, to facilitate a staggered start. In normal times we would have 'Wake-Up, Shake Up' on the playground at 8.40am followed by a 'Get Set, GO!' session in class from 8.45am. What happens in September will be dependent on whether national restrictions are kept in place, and we will confirm as soon as we know. Thank you.

