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STA Primary School: FAQs for the return to Campus
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What do we need to do before school starts back on campus?

In advance of a return to school, we will survey all parents to establish their intentions - return to the physical school or for the moment remain in the VSE.

My child was temporarily withdrawn from the VSE or we deferred their start date. How do we return to school?

Once a reopening date is announced, you will be asked to complete a survey to update your intentions to join St Andrews. Our Admissions Department will confirm the school place with you and the proposed start date.
Once agreed we will reactivate your IT platforms to enable your child to join the school. Please note that this might be slightly later than those students who did not withdraw.

Do I need to fill in the Health and Travel declaration form again?

The Health and Travel declaration form has been replaced with the new Health app. Before your child comes into school, you must use the app to provide vaccination status information, ATK results and to report any COVID cases in your household. This is available via Moodle. Children whose families have not provided this information will not be allowed onto campus.

Will my child need to be tested before returning to school?

Yes. To help minimise and monitor levels of infection, all children must be tested with an Antigen Test Kit (ATK) before returning to school.

*You may prefer to use a saliva test with younger children.

Where can I get an Antigen Test Kit (ATK)?

School will be providing 8 test kits per child, which will cover the first 4 weeks of the return to school. For Y1 to Y6, nasal swab kits will be provided. For children in Foundation Stage and on our STARs Programme, parents will be able to choose either the nasal swab kits or saliva swab kits.

These will be available to collect from the Primary School from Thursday 30th September. At the same time you should also collect your child's id card (Y1 to Y4 and new Y5 & Y6 children) or bag tag (Foundation Stage) which will be used to swipe in and out of the campus every day when they return to school. At this time, you can also visit the uniform shop, which will temporarily move to the Sports Hall/Blue Area and will be stocked with Primary and High School uniforms.

Will ongoing testing be required to access school?

Yes. We will follow the testing cycle below for the first month of our return to school. We will then review this cycle and update parents as to the requirements dependent on further directions from the MoPH and OPEC.

Test results need to be recorded on Moodle for access to school **every Monday and Wednesday**. For convenience, Parents can record test results from 6 pm the previous evening.
This means a parent can record their child's test for Monday at any point after 6 pm on Sunday and their child's test for Wednesday at any point after 6 pm on Tuesday.
*Tests should be taken as close to the recording window as possible, i.e. not before 5.30 pm the previous day.

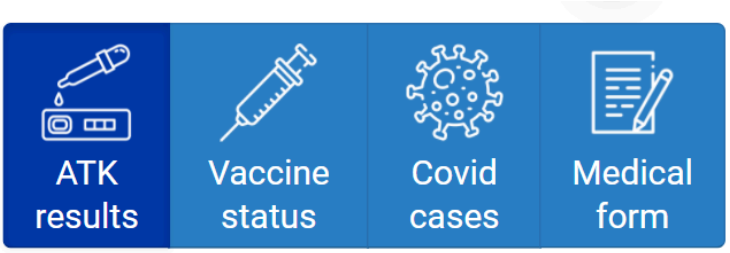
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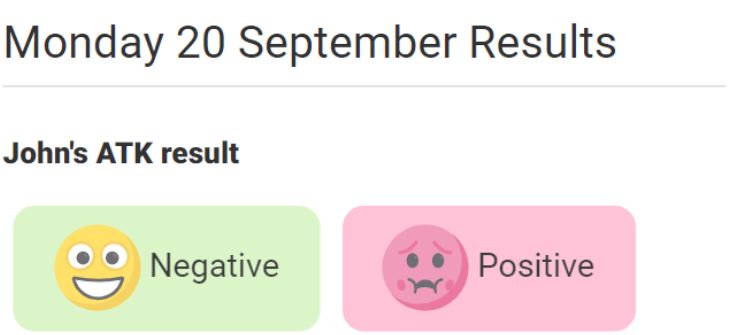
Once you have taken the test, you will need to record the results - negative or positive - on the Health app before your child comes into school. If **negative**, this will activate your child's swipe card (Y1 - Y6) or bag tag (Foundation Stage).

It is also recommended that you also take a time stamped photo of the test and keep this in case this information is needed by the school or by the Ministry of Public Health for Track and Trace purposes. Write the name of the person being tested, along with the date, on the test before taking a photo.

*Foundation Stage families should note that declaring a **negative** test result for a child on Moodle is also confirming that the parent/carer entering the school site **has also tested negative for Covid-19.**

Health App





What do I do if my child tests positive with the ATK at home?

If your child tests positive with an ATK, first and foremost do not panic. We recommend that you should either:

1) At home, retest with an ATK after a few hours to help rule out a possible false-positive result. Should this also show a positive result, take your child for an RT-PCR at your preferred hospital

Or

2) Immediately take your child for an RT-PCR at your preferred hospital

Following an RT-PCR test result, the medical staff will be able to guide you through the correct course of treatment.

Parents should inform the school if there is confirmation of a positive case from a hospital.

We are nervous about completing the test on our child. Can the school assist with this?

To enter the school premises, a nasal swab, as part of the ATK test, will need to be completed to help reduce the risk for our whole school community. We are unable to administer this test on your child but as previously mentioned will be providing you with some kits.

Many test kits come with links to tutorial videos to help you administer the test correctly. There are also some examples of how to use these test kits on YouTube, and we are sharing one example with you here, but please check for any tutorial videos on the packs you purchase as they may differ slightly.

*You should consider a saliva test with younger children if you are concerned.

What happens if a family member tests positive or we have close contact with a positive case?

a) If someone within your household tests positive for COVID, and they have had contact with your child, your child should remain at home for 14 days and should be tested with an ATK on days 1, 4 and 14.
b) If someone in your household becomes a high-risk person (due to exposure to someone who is infected) and they have had contact with your child, your child should remain at home for 14 days and should be tested with an ATK on days 1, 4 and 14.

You then need to update this information on the Health app as soon as possible.

STA Staff - testing and vaccination

Are all STA staff vaccinated?

Our staff have had access to a variety of vaccines. As it stands, approximately 95% of all staff are fully vaccinated and 99% have had at least one dose.

Will STA staff be tested too?

St Andrews staff will also be subject to the same ATK testing routine as the children with the tests being carried out every Monday and Wednesday. Staff will also be logging test results within the Health app so that we have a very clear picture of the status of everyone who enters the school buildings.

What happens if we have a case of Covid-19 in school?

What medical facilities do you have at school to deal with a suspected case?

We have created an isolation room where children displaying symptoms of COVID can be moved to. The child can wait here with a nurse until their parents come to collect them.

What happens if a child in school has symptoms of COVID?

1. The child will immediately be sent to or taken to the nurse.
2. If the symptoms could indicate a COVID infection, the nurse will take their temperature and contact their parents.
3. The student would then be taken to the isolation room.
4. Parents will come and collect their child, along with any siblings.
5. On arrival, they may request the school to undertake an ATK test. If they choose not to have a test in school, they should take their child home to do an ATK or to hospital for a medical opinion

If an ATK is administered in school, following the result parents can then be advised of what further medical support to seek for their child and their family.

Negative Test Result

If a test is taken and is negative, the parents would take the child home and would continue to monitor their symptoms. The parents should provide another negative test result after two days for their return to school.

Positive Test Result

If a test is taken and is positive, the parents should immediately take the child for the PCR test and work with the hospital/medical authorities on the correct treatment for their child.

What happens if there's a case in my child's class?

1. If a family reports a positive ATK result for their child, the parents of that child's class would be contacted and the class would be closed for 3 days to allow deep cleaning to take place along with other spaces the child has spent time in.
2. Should we receive confirmation that the child has tested positive after an RT-PCR test (taken within 48hrs), the school would immediately inform parents of every child in that class. We would then determine high risk contacts and they could move to the VSE for a total of 14 days.
3. The parents of any other children deemed low risk for infection will also be informed so they can monitor and test their children using ATK tests.

How will school support my child if they test positive?

If a child tests positive with an ATK, the school can advise parents on the next steps to take in terms of obtaining a RT-PCR test.

What actions will be taken to ensure that there is no stigma from a child/family testing positive?

Some children may be anxious as they return to the classroom. Teachers will be preparing materials to support the transition of children into school and these will be delivered in PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons. We will also cover issues such as the need for sensitive responses when a friend or someone in their family catches COVID.

Getting into school

Will we be having a staggered start to the year?

Yes. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to become familiar with the new systems in place to help protect our community, we will, for the first few days, be bringing in different year groups on different days to limit the number of people on campus.

The year groups will return as follows over the first week back in school:

Monday 25th October	New children will be invited into school with their parents - *details will be shared separately*
Tuesday 26th October	FS2 & FS3, Year 6, Year 3 in school - everyone else on VSE
Wednesday 27th October	FS2, Year 1, Year 4 in school - everyone else on VSE
Thursday 28th October	FS2 Children, Year 2, Year 5 in school - everyone else on VSE
Friday 29th October	All students in school

Will the children have to swipe in?

All children will have either a swipe card (Y1 to Y6) or a bag tag (Foundation Stage) which they will use to swipe in and out of the campus.

How can we get the cards or bag tags?

If you haven't yet collected your child's id card or bag tag, they can still be collected from school ahead of the reopening on Monday. Please contact support@standrews.ac.th or call the office - 023812387

Are parents allowed into school?

We will be starting the new term in school with restricted access to the campus for parents. **Other than Foundation Stage Parents/Carers**, only parents with a prior appointment (and who have taken an ATK) will be allowed on campus**.**

What are the arrangements for the children entering the school?

1) Children will enter the campus as follows:
    a) To avoid anxiety, **Foundation Stage children** - will be accompanied on campus by **one** adult household member who, like the children, will need to have a negative ATK test result to enter the school.
    b) **KS1 children** - will enter the gates alone and will be met by STA staff at the gate and taken to their area.
    c) **KS2 children** - will enter the campus by themselves
2) Adults (Foundation Stage) or children (KS1 & KS2) will swipe in at the main entrance gate and provided there is no red 'Assistance Needed' sign (i), they will go to their areas of the school as follows:
    a) Foundation Stage parents/guardians will take their children through to the Foundation Stage classrooms and hand them over to the teachers and staff and would immediately leave the site.
    b) KS1 children will be collected by an STA staff member and walked across to their area
    c) KS2 children will make their own way to their area

    *anyone without their card will be directed to the desk on the driveway behind the Sports Hall.

    KS1 and KS2 parents, please reassure and prepare your child for saying goodbye at the gate. There will be lots of friendly staff around to help them to class.

    (i) Red "Assistance Needed" sign
    1. A parent or child who has a red 'Assistance Needed' sign appear on the screen will be directed to the help desk on the driveway behind the Sports Hall.
    2. Here a member of staff will confirm (in person or by phone) whether they have taken the ATK test or not (ii). If so, the parent/guardian will be required to show/send the staff member a picture of the negative result.

3. When the photo is produced, the staff member can then tick the Moodle check box, and the child proceeds into school as outlined above.

Morning Drop-Off

What are the arrangements for Drop-off in the morning?

Foundation Stage Drop Off

To begin the new term, we will allow one adult per child to enter the campus to drop-off children in Foundation Stage.

Adults will be allowed to drop off the children from 7.30 am at the garden or classroom, but must then leave campus as quickly as possible via the exit between the Sports Hall and the Blue Area.

KS1 and KS2

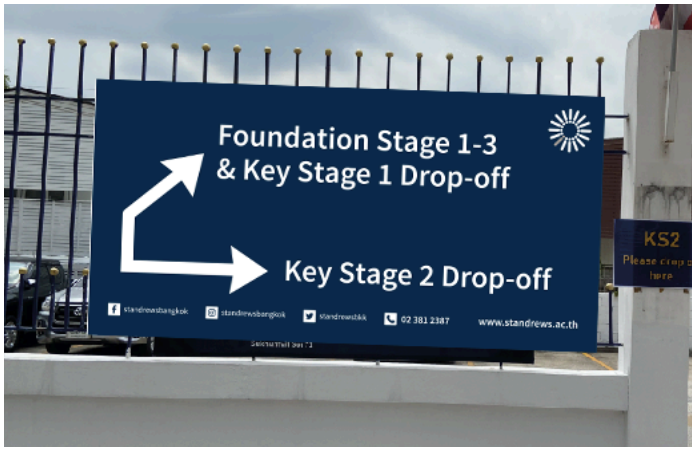
In the morning, we will have a drop-off only system in place in the main car park, which is accessed through Pridi 20/1.

To help manage the flow of traffic, we have two separate, clearly marked drop-off zones:

- Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 - inside the main car park.
- Key Stage 2 - just outside the school gate in the driveway in front of the main car park. From this point STA Staff will supervise the children and see them safely into school.

**Please note that Pridi 20 should not be used for drop off. This gate is now only accessible with a keycard and is for families who are local residents and shuttle bus users only.*

There are signs to clearly mark the separate drop-off zones, as explained below by these images:



FS & KS1 families should enter the main car park.
KS2 turn right in front of the cra park and should not enter the car park





FS & KS1 drop off along the footpath at the bottom end of the car park
KS2 drop off is along the footpath outside the car park

Afternoon Pick-up

What are the arrangements for picking my child/ren up in the afternoon?

FS1: 12 pm - One adult will be allowed onsite to pick up the children from the classroom door.
FS2 & FS3 - From 2.10pm, one adult per child will be allowed on campus to collect children from their classrooms
Y1 - Year 1 children will be brought to the Blue Area for 2.10 pm. Parents/Guardians can collect them from here.
Y2 - Year 2 children will be brought to the Blue Area for 2.10 pm. Parents/Guardians can collect them from here.
Y3 - Year 3 children will be brought to the Sports Hall at 2.20 pm. Parents/Guardians can collect them from here.
Y4 - Y6 - Parents/drivers should download and use the KidsUp app to help manage collecting KS2 children from school. Children should be picked up from the main car park.



*Older children (Y4-6) with Y1 siblings will go to the Blue Area and those with Y2 & 3 siblings will go to the Sports Hall. They should stay with their siblings until they are collected.

School Code: **STA**
Introduction to Kids Up - https://bitly.com/KidsUpAdEng
How to use Kids Up - http://bit.ly/KidsUpEng or http://bit.ly/KidsUpThai

***Pridi 20 must not be used for drop off or pick up. The entrance on this Soi is accessible with a keycard only.**
****During the time of restricted access, we strongly recommend that you use the off-site parking at Suk 71 and/or the offsite parking & shuttle service from Max Valu on 71.***

What will learning look like?

Will the VSE continue if we choose to keep our children at home?

In Y2 to Y6, we have assigned teachers from each year group to temporarily continue running the VSE. Children who remain working from home would be allocated to this VSE teacher who is not necessarily their own classroom teacher. Exact details of the VSE will be sent to these families.

We aren't in Thailand. How can my child keep up with work?

We have a number of families across Primary who are not in the country for the start of the new term. The teachers will be able to provide work for any students in this situation using some of our online platforms. Depending on the time zone you are in, the teachers may also be able to do some virtual check-ins with your child/ren a couple of times a week. If you are not in the country and haven't yet notified us, please contact us at support@standrews.ac.th to let us know.

What will the classrooms look like?

- Children and teachers will be wearing masks in class at all times; however, the teachers can remove these and replace them with visors when they are addressing the whole class.
- The teachers will frequently be reminding the children about personal hygiene, especially washing their hands and the need for distancing to prevent the spread of illness.
- Every classroom will have a cleaning kit and hand sanitiser. The teachers will encourage the children to clean their work surface throughout the school day.
- Class room doors will be kept open to encourage air flow through the learning spaces.
- Fixed seating will be provided to help trace pupil contact

Can the children bring a bag to school?

Yes. The children can bring a bag in with them.
This should carry essential items only- water bottle, hat, spare face mask; along with anything needed for lessons that day, such as a swimming kit (when the programme restarts). A change of clothes should also be provided for our youngest students.

Lunchtimes

What's happening with lunches and snacks?

Initially, for the first two weeks, we will be running a 'bagged lunch service'. Lunch options will be available on Moodle and parents will need to log into their parent account and select and pay for the lunch option for each child for each day of the week. This needs to be completed by Friday at 3 pm.

All children can either opt for a bagged lunch or bring a healthy lunch option from home. This can be kept in the fridges in the canteen and staff will help to heat food later if necessary.

Screens will remain on the tables to help protect the children while they have their masks off to eat. Foundation Stage children will eat in their own areas.

*Children will be reminded not to share food. This also applies at breaktime. Please remember that we are a No Nut School.

Snacks will be individual and served to the children by the staff, not taken from a shared plate.

Specialist Lessons

Will the children still do language lessons?

Language lessons will take place as normal. Teachers will create fixed seating plans for each class. This way we will have a record of where children have been sitting in the case of a positive case of covid-19.

Will music lessons still take place?

Music lessons will take place as normal. Singing lessons will be run virtually using Google Meets with the children remaining in their classroom.

Will the children be swimming?

For the first few weeks back in school, the children will not be swimming. We will let you know when we can return to swimming lessons.

Will PE be going ahead as normal?

We will be using all of our large, well ventilated indoor and outdoor spaces to run the full PE programme. Children from FS1 to Y4 should wear their PE kit to school when they have a PE lesson.

School Transport

How will the School Bus Services operate?

There will be temperature checks on all of our bus services. Children will have fixed seats on fixed buses for the journeys they take. Buses will regularly be sanitised after every journey. Bus drivers and bus monitors will be regularly screened with ATKs in line with the school policy. Children will tapped on and off the buses and this information is available on Moodle.

Will the Shuttle Bus Services operate?

The shuttle bus service will run as scheduled, however, queues for the Shuttle Services may be longer due to the reduced capacity on the buses, so please allow a little extra time for your journey.

After School Activities

Will there be ECA and Sports Training?

To start off, we will not be running in school Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs) or after-school Sports Training. We are aiming to start these later in the Term once we have had a chance to communicate our safety protocols again with all of our outside providers.

Library

Can we still borrow books from the library?

The library click and collect service will still be available when we return to school.

Reasons for Parental Visits to the Campus

Will I still be able to make payments at Accounts?

Yes, but you will need to make an appointment to do so.
Please email our accounts teams at accounts@standrews.ac.th to do this.
*You may be asked to wait at the guards' hut while they confirm your appointment before then being escorted to the office.

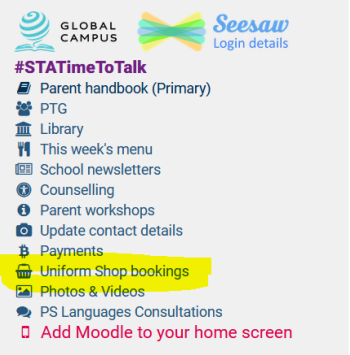
Will the Uniform Shop be open?

Prior to children being back in school

In the lead up to the school reopening to the children, we will temporarily move the Uniform Shop into the Sports Hall. This will be accessible from Thursday 30th September.

When the children are back in school

You will need to make an appointment to visit the uniform shop. You can book an appointment on Moodle. The uniform shop is open from Monday to Friday from 07.30 am to 4 pm.



Any other questions?

If you have any other questions regarding the return to the physical school, please contact either your child's class teacher or our Family Support Team at support@standrews.ac.th.