



Newsletter

September 2020



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you have had a good summer holiday and now feel ready for the full return of all children to school. A lot of preparation has gone on to ensure that school is safe and so please read this letter carefully. If you have any questions, contact either your child's class teacher or the school office.

Covid 19 safety measures

We have a comprehensive and detailed risk assessment which has been developed by the health and safety team for the local authority and which has been adapted for our school. This will be reviewed daily but here are the headlines for our first few days back in September.

Social distancing

Each class group will operate as a 'bubble' and the school will continue to promote all of the Government's advice on mitigating the risk of the virus, to that ensure we keep our school community as safe as possible. As before, regular handwashing will be a key feature of the school day. If you would like to provide your child with their own liquid soap and moisturiser, then please send this to school with your child's name on it.

Children should bring their own named water bottle into school. As we will be spending more time outside, please make sure that they have a coat with them every day. Younger children should also bring in wellies which can stay in school.

The arrangements for the start and end of the school day will be as follows:

	Entrance/exit	Start time	End time
Nursery	Nursery entrance	Current arrangements	
Reception	Top gate	9.10 am	3.20 pm
Year 1	Bottom gate	8.55 am	3.25 pm
Year 2	Bottom gate	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 3	Top gate	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 4	Top gate	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 5	Top gate	8.45 am	3.15 pm
Year 6	Top gate	8.45 am	3.15 pm

Provisionally, parents bringing siblings come at the earlier time and leave at earlier time.

Parents must leave the site as soon as possible. If you need to speak to a member of staff, then please phone the school to arrange a telephone appointment.

Pedestrians - When entering and leaving the school site, PLEASE DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK AND MAIN GATE. The car park is for school staff and deliveries **only**. Thank you.

As **all** children will now be in school, it is very important that we keep to these arrangements as far as is possible.

Before and After School Club.

This will be open and again we will follow Government guidelines in risk reduction measures. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you will need this service so that we can make more detailed plans.

School lunches.

For the first half term at least, as we will not be able to have large groups of children together in the hall, we will be providing 'Grab bags', as we did in the summer term. Ordering will be through the school office. If children want to bring their own packed lunch to school, then they are able to do so but please make sure that the containers are cleaned thoroughly every day.

What will school be like for my child?

As we had done during the partial reopening, all children will remain in their class bubble throughout the day. There will be no whole school assemblies, lunch will be eaten in classrooms and PE will take place outside. Classes will be sent newsletters and we ask that children come to school in **outdoor PE kit** on the days that they have PE.

All classrooms are prepared for the arrival of all children with furniture to a minimum and desks facing the front, from year 1 to year 6.



All children will be provided with their own pack of appropriate resources and so there is no need for them to bring these in from home.



Face covering and masks

Current guidance is that children and staff in primary schools will **not** be wearing face coverings in school unless staff are dealing directly with a child who has coronavirus symptoms while waiting for collection.

Contact details

It is very important that we are able to contact you at any point throughout the day. If your contact details have changed then please update them with school as soon as possible and always ensure that you, or another adult, is able to answer their phone. We had several instances last year where we were unable to contact parents.

We will be reviewing arrangements continually so that the school is safe, efficient and effective. This will mean that changes will be made as we all adapt to, and learn about, a new way of working. As before, thank you for your cooperation. We all felt a lot of support from you last term and it really helped to make the situation much easier for us all in school.

We are still more than happy to be contacted with any issue that you may have and this can be either through the school office or Class Dojo.

It will be lovely to see you all again, if from a distance!

