

Friday 28 August 2020

Welcome Back



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and enjoying the last week of the summer holidays. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school, we have missed them all so much!

I am sure you will have lots of questions and I will hopefully over the next few pages provide the information needed to answer them.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and they will be happy to help.

As you all know my number one priority has been and will continue to be the health & safety of all our children, staff, and visitors.

We have worked incredibly hard to ensure that school is as safe as possible so that we can welcome all the children back over the next few weeks.

We will be continuing to take children's temperatures on arrival and monitoring them for symptoms. If your child does have a temperature or other symptoms of Covid19 they will need to be collected from school immediately.

Please also keep your child at home if they are unwell, with a cough, cold or sickness or diarrhoea. It is crucial that we maintain our staffing levels to keep the children safe and for the school to remain open, we cannot risk staff becoming unwell and not being able to attend school.

Phased Return

As you know children are returning on a phased basis. Children have been grouped A or B. If you are unsure which group your child is in or the days they are attending school please contact your child's class teacher ASAP and they will be happy to help.

During the phased return we will be working very closely with each child and assessing their learning, many will have lost skills some may have learned some new ones too.

Our priority will be ensuring the children are happy, well and regulated, as this will be key to them engaging in successful learning and being ready to learn.

The phased return will ensure the children are as "ready to learn" as possible and although the pandemic may have caused a step back for some, the intensive support during the phased return will allow them to spring forward!



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The phased return will provide the opportunity for teachers and teaching assistants to carry out a range of informal and formal assessments on a 1:1 basis, so that they know exactly where the children are up to and can put in place personalised learning goals which can address any lost skill or learning.

Onsite Learning

Your child will be accessing school and engaging in onsite learning two days per week. All the children will be working on the topic of “Our World” and will be engaging in a variety of fun learning activities as well as regular opportunities for Sensory Regulation, Readiness to learn & Nurture sessions.

Off-site Learning

During the three days your child will be at home and learning off-site, you and your child will be supported to engage in learning activities. Class teachers will be in touch on Tuesday 1 or Wednesday 2 September to discuss this with you.

Support will be similar to the support you have received previously, e.g. activity packs, whole class sessions online via MS Teams, activities on our Online Learning Platforms, Education City & Purple Mash.

The SEND Support Team are also exploring the possibility of providing some interventions online via MS Teams.

Getting to and from School

Thank you for completing the online survey, we have shared the information with the transport team, and they are confident that they are able to offer home-school transport to all that are eligible. For those parents, whose child is traveling on home-school transport, your child's passenger assistant or a member of the transport team will be in touch next week with further information regards pick-up and drop-off times. If your child is travelling on home-school transport and you feel they could wear a face covering please encourage them to do so. If your child will be using a re-usable face covering please ensure they have something to store this in safely whilst at school.

Those parents who provide their own transport and those who have chosen to due to the ongoing pandemic, Mrs Christina Harwood School Business Manager, or one of her team, will be in touch to discuss your drop off and collection time.

What should my child bring to school with them?

Please keep items from home to an absolute minimum, e.g. coat, school bag, lunch box. If your child does need to bring in other items to support self-regulation, please discuss this with your child's class teacher so that we can take the necessary safety precautions





Will my child need to wear a face covering at school?

No, children do not need to wear a face covering throughout the day. Children will be encouraged to wear a face covering when travelling to and from school on home-school transport and if they were to become symptomatic whilst at school.

Will my child be in a bubble?

Yes, initially each class (staff and children) will be a separate bubble. They will remain in their class bubble, if a member of staff needs to leave their bubble then strict handwashing & respiratory hygiene will be adhered to and a visor will be worn.

What will happen at breaktime & Lunchtime?

The catering team are providing their usual menu. Children will eat their lunch in their classroom. Children will each have scheduled break times throughout the day and will access the school playground in their bubbles.

What if I need to visit school or enter school premises?

We are asking all our visitors including parents or carers who need to enter the building, to do so via the main reception. Please wear a face covering, have your temperature taken and sanitise your hands, you will also need to fill in a visitor contact form, to support our test, track, and trace process.

What if me, my child, or member of my household develops Covid-19 Symptoms

Please ensure your child does not attend school if they or any member of your household are displaying any Covid-19 Symptoms, these are a temperature of 37.8 or above, loss of sense of taste or smell, new persistent cough.

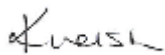
What if me or my child or a member of my household tests positive Covid-19

Please inform us immediately if you, your child, or a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch with your child's class teacher and they will be happy to help you.

Kindest regards,

Keep Safe 



Mr Kieran Welsh
Headteacher

