

15 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working hard to put plans into place, using DFE guidance, for the opening of school for the children in all year groups on Thursday 3rd September.

Drop off

All year groups will enter using East Road or Diocesan Centre. The gates will be opened at 8.35am. Only one parent needs to drop off their child/children. Parents then drop off their child/children at the bunting where a member of staff will greet you and take your child/children. Your child will then line up on the KS1 playground. Parents can wait on the Key Stage 2 playground if needed but please ensure you socially distance yourselves from others using the 1m+ rule. A bell will ring at 8.45am and children will walk into school in their year groups. The gates will then be locked. Please ensure you arrive on time to ensure your child can come in with the rest of the class.

Pick up

East road and diocesan centre gate will be opened at 3.10pm and parents can wait on KS2 playground. We will call out a class at a time to come to the archway to collect the children starting with Reception. Siblings will also be collected with the youngest child. Please leave the archway area as soon as you have your child/children to avoid congestion.

We realise that this is a new system but we are confident that it will work and avoids the number of adults in contact in a small space in school. If parents wish to talk to the class teachers then please make an appointment or briefly catch a member of staff at the start and end of the day by the archway.

Children need to bring a packed lunch only and these will be eaten in their class base at lunchtime. All children who are entitled to a free school meal will be provided with a packed lunch with a variety of items. If you would like to order a school meal and are not free school meals please do so through Parent Pay. We are hoping to be able to have Friday favourites of pizza or fish in class too.

Children need to bring a named water bottle, PE kit and their book bag into school. No other bags or equipment (pencil cases) are allowed in school except packed lunch boxes,

PE bags and books bags. The children will also need a coat.

Hand sanitiser is in each classroom and hand washing will be a regular event as this is proven to be the best preventative measure. We will endeavour to wash hands as often as possible and strict hygiene rules will be adhered to. Each area and equipment will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.

Children will have staggered break times and lunch times using both playgrounds. Assemblies will happen virtually to reduce contact with larger groups.

If a member of staff or a child shows any symptoms of the illness then their bubble will have to stay at home and self - isolate.

In order to give us time as a school to see how these changes work and to allow us to press pause if needed we are going to use a phased approach for wrap around care.

Week 1 3/9/20	School opens.
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Week 2 14/09/20	After school club starts – new booking system will be in place. More details to follow in September.
Week 3 21/9/20	Breakfast club starts- new booking system will be in place. More details to follow in September
After October half term	School - run clubs to start. Parents invited into school for worship/ class based work.

These plans and measures are developed to ensure that the health safety of the children, parents and staff is given a very high priority. We have worked tirelessly throughout lockdown to develop hygienic routines with the children in school which we will use with the whole school.

Please keep checking Parent App and our school website for further details as staff will no longer be using the PTA Facebook page for announcements.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Summer holidays. We hope the sun shines and we look forward to seeing your wonderful smiling faces in September.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Holt and all the staff.