

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited about the start of term and looking forward to seeing the children back in school next Tuesday 7th September, 2021.

This email is to confirm the school systems that we will be in place for the new term. We are planning that the school will be able to operate in a more normal way with fewer restrictions, but we will still have some procedures in place as, unfortunately, there are still many Covid cases being reported daily.

The School Day

Morning Club will be open from 8am and will take place in the ICT suite. Children need to have a booked place. Children should be dropped at the school entrance at **8am**– no later than this, please. A member of staff will collect them from here. Reception & Preschool children need to be dropped to the Pre-school. Children will still need to sanitise their hands on the way in.

Morning drop-off will be between 8.45am and 9am. Year R to 4 children will be met by staff at the main school gates, Years 5 & 6 will be met by staff at the lower gate by Class 2. Pre-school children should be dropped to Pre-school.

Lunches will operate as before: Years R to 2 from 12 midday, Year 3 & 4 at 12.15 and Years 5 & 6 at 12.30. All classes will eat their lunch in the hall. Children will be kept to their class tables and a cleaning regime will still be in place.

At the end of the school day we will continue to operate the one-way system for collection as this worked well. There will be 2 pick-up times – at 3.10pm and 3.20pm and will be split alphabetically by surname:

A to L – 3.10pm

M to Z – 3.20pm

Parents with Pre-school children must collect at the earlier time of 3.10pm, please.

We ask that you **adhere strictly to your pick-up time**, please. If you do not collect your child at these times, we will have to put your child/ren in to after-school care and you could be charged. We appreciate your help with this as not only does it help with Covid safety, but also alleviates problems with our car park.

After-School Clubs

If your child has a place in sports or art club, you should collect your child from the KS1 playground gate at 4.30pm.

If your child has a place in Toasties, please collect your child directly from Toasties either at 4.30pm or 5.30pm. We will not providing any snacks, so please provide one for your child.

What your child should bring to school:

Years R to 1 – Book bag, PE kit to keep in school and lunch box if your child is not having a hot school lunch.

Years 3 to 6 – School bag including a small pencil case with writing pencils, colouring pencils, ruler, sharpener and eraser, PE kit to keep in school and lunch box if not having a hot lunch.

Covid Procedures

As you know, there are now different procedures in place relating to Covid infections. If a child tests positive they will have to self-isolate for 10 days; Track and Trace will be in contact with the family. The school will be in contact with Public Health England and follow their advice. Children up to the age of 18 who have been a close contact of a Covid case now do not need to self-isolate. Similarly, if you are an adult who has had **2 doses of vaccine**, you do not need to self-isolate if you have been in contact with a positive case. If your child develops symptoms, we will still recommend they have a PCR test. If the school experiences an outbreak of Covid cases, we will have to put in place a contingency plan that may involve reverting to 'bubbles' and resuming other safety measures for a period of time.

We will continue to maintain the hygiene systems regarding regular hand washing and classroom cleaning as well as keeping classrooms well ventilated.

Communications

We have decided for the moment that we do not need feel it is wise to ask parent helpers in to school, we will let you know if this changes. We still ask that the main way you communicate with school is either by calling 01823 400 439 or email office@milvertonprimary.co.uk. For teaching and learning the class email addresses are still available:

ClassR.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class1.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class2.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class3.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class4.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class5.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Class6.Sch233@educ.somerset.gov.uk

We ask that the class email addresses are **ONLY used for learning enquiries about your child. ALL other communication needs to go to the main school office.**

We hope that you have had a great summer holiday and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back next week.

Best wishes,

Richard Stead