



RETURN TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly we would like to thank you for your support over the past few months as we have navigated our way through the circumstances we found ourselves in. It certainly wasn't the end to the school year that we wanted! Many thanks for all of the home learning you have done, even teachers have found this a hard task with their own children so we appreciate the efforts you have made.

We are looking forward to the children returning to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. As you are aware it will not look and feel exactly as it was before lockdown but we aim to make it as welcoming and normal as possible. I appreciate that this is a long letter but all information contained is important. Please contact the office with any queries.

If you have a child starting Reception in September, you will also receive a separate letter with specific times and dates on.

DAY 1

For ease of organisation we will start day 1 with previous class teachers in children's previous classrooms (not those they've been in if they came back in June/July). They will move up to their new teachers and classroom during the day and leave from their new rooms (please note exit points for Y5 and Y6 below). Day 2 will start in their new classrooms.

SCHOOL DAY

We will continue to work, as we have been doing throughout the part closure, in bubbles but will expand these to year group bubbles to allow for playtimes and sharing of toilet facilities. This is done to minimise disruption should we have a positive case in school and to help prevent a full school closure as we would just be able to close one year group down.

To avoid too many people in the school vicinity at any one point we will be running a **STAGGERED START AND FINISH TO THE SCHOOL DAY** for the foreseeable future. We also ask that only **1 adult** drops off and picks up and where possible you avoid bringing additional children (obviously this cannot always be possible!)

- For **W band** the school day will start at **8:45am and finish at 2:45pm**
- For **P band** the school day will start at **9:15am and finish at 3:15pm**
- If your children are across both bands please use the **W band** times for all of your children.
- **THERE IS NO ACCESS BEYOND THE PENCIL FENCE FOR PARENTS.** We ask that you arrive **AT** collection / pick up times and **not any earlier or later** than the time stated and wait in the set area following social distancing rules. **We will not be able to admit children prior to these times, even in poor weather.**

ENTRANCES / EXITS TO SCHOOL

Rec - Main Reception Door **Y1** - Year 1 door **Y2** - Year 2 door
Y3 - KS2 door nearest to the grassed area (right hand side) on the main playground
Y4 - KS2 door nearest to the school hall (left hand side) on the main playground
Y5 - Westminster Rd car park middle door (near lunchtime room)
Y6 - Westminster Rd car park main entrance door (near dinner hall)

GATES

- Families with a Reception child - the single Reception gate at the corner of Westminster Rd / Claremont Rd, older children will be able to walk through from here.
- Families approaching school from the park side are asked to use the gates off the car park for Y1-Y4
- Y5 and Y6 children will need to enter through the Westminster Rd car park gates.

Times for drop off and pick are very strict and must be adhered to in order to minimise crossing of bubbles.

SCHOOL OFFICE / MEETINGS

- The office is closed to visitors unless by prior appointment.
- If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, a member of SLT, or the office team, then please phone school.
- Telephone meetings are taking place wherever possible.

ABSENCE/ILLNESS

- In line with government guidance if your child or any one in the household shows signs of COVID-19 the whole household must self isolate.
- You MUST inform the school that your child will be absent with a reason why.
- If your child is absent with illness you will be given advice on when they can return.

BREAKFAST / AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Breakfast club will resume but will be for working parents only for the first half term.
- Bookings will need to be made in advance through the school office.
- There will be no after school clubs running for the first half term.

LUNCHES

- School dinners will run as normal from September.
- One year group at a time will be in the hall.
- Breaktimes/ lunchtimes will be staggered and children given a set area to play in with their base group.

UNIFORM

- Full school uniform is expected (please see additional sheet for uniform list)
- KS2, however, do not need to wear ties for the first half term.

CLASSROOMS

- Full classes of 30 will resume
- Social distancing and government guidelines will continue to be followed outside of the classroom wherever possible.
- Classrooms will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Assemblies will be done virtually to avoid mass gatherings.

HYGIENE

- All children will be provided with their own pencil case with any equipment they may need during the school day and will not be sharing resources.
- Equipment used by younger children will be rotated and cleaned frequently.
- Children will be supervised to wash their hands regularly, hand sanitiser will also be provided.
- No more than one child at a time will be able to access the toilet blocks to ensure social distancing at hand basins/ travelling to/ from the toilet blocks.
- Toilets and classrooms will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

BEHAVIOUR

- Any incidents of unsafe or high level behaviour/ refusal to do as asked in a situation that goes against government guidelines will result in a phone call home and you being asked to collect your child immediately.

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