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Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Please see below additional information about September. We have included as much detail as we can based on the current guidance.

### **Start and finish times**

In order to minimise the amount of children arriving at the same time, we are extending the morning drop off window. Please can we ask that where possible children are dropped off and encouraged to walk to the classroom door independently to avoid large groups of children and parents waiting. Younger children will obviously need more supervision. Staff will be on each of the playground areas to support the children coming into school.

Year 6 – 8.30am – 8.50am

Year 5 – 8.40 – 9am

Year 4 – 8.40 – 9am

Year 3 – 8.40 – 9am

Year 2 – 8.40 – 9am

Year 1 – 8.40 – 9am

Reception – 8.40 – 9am

Nursery - information from Mrs Owens to follow.

End of the school day

Reception – 3.05pm – 3.15pm

Year 1 and Year 2 – 3.05pm – 3.15pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 3.15pm

Please can we ask that parents do not wait directly outside the classroom doors.

### **Pods and classrooms**

The children will mostly be working with their own class teacher in their own classroom, but will be classed as a year group pod. Following the current guidance the set-up of the classrooms will be slightly different to what the children may be used to. From Year 1 the Government have requested that desks are arranged in rows and that school provide each child with their own pen, pencil and ruler. Other less frequently used resources can be shared within the pod and they will be cleaned more regularly. Pupils will be advised to avoid face to face contact, within 1 metre, with their peers or adults. Class teachers will also be doing more front of the class teaching in order to maintain social distance.



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### **Social distancing**

Teachers are advised to remain at the front of the room to try and maintain a 2m distance from students. Teachers are also advised to socially distance from other adults in school. Obviously, some students will require support that means the 2m rule cannot apply. Pupils will be advised to keep their distance from other people on school site, if possible. However, we recognise that this will not be practical at all times.

### **Hygiene and cleaning**

Every classroom will have hand sanitiser. It is an expectation that pupils use the hand sanitiser on entrance to, and on exiting, the classroom. Additional cleaning of high use public areas will take place during the school day. Additional cleaning staff will be employed to regularly clean door handles, desks and public areas to reduce the risk of transmission. Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Tissues will be available in each classroom.

### **Uniform**

Children should wear full uniform. The only change is that we request up until Christmas the children wear trainers for school so they are able to take part in outdoor activities without having to get changed. This change in footwear will be reviewed at the end of the autumn term.

### **What the children need to bring**

The children do not need to bring anything with them for the first few weeks apart from themselves, a water bottle and a packed lunch if that is their normal dinner arrangement. Packed lunches should be left in the dinner hall on the correct trolley on a morning as normal.

### **Dinners**

Hot and cold meals will be served as normal. The children will sit in year group pods in the dinner hall. This will mean that dinner times may take longer than usual and the children may go into dinner at a slightly earlier or later time than before.

### **The school site**

We will continue to minimise the number of visitors on the school site. Please avoid the main office. If your query is urgent please phone the office to make an appointment or email the school email address.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms (we will update with any new guidance)**

No member of staff, pupil or visitor should come into school if they have COVID-19, have tested positive in the last 7 days, or are displaying symptoms.

Anyone who becomes unwell at school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, will be sent home and told to self-isolate for at least 7 days and arrange to have a test. They will not be allowed to return to school





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during this period. At this point, any siblings in school will also be sent home, even if they do not have symptoms, as this is in line with NHS guidance. They will have to self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first has symptoms. They will not be allowed to return to school during this period.

### **Key dates**

Wednesday 2nd September – children back to school

Week beginning Monday 14th September – PE kits brought to school

Week beginning Monday 21st September – Reading books will be sent home

Friday 23rd October – Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November - PD day

Tuesday 3rd November - children back to school

Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas

Full calendar available on school website.

### **PD days**

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 19th July

Tuesday 20th July

Final PD day will be confirmed later in the year.

### **Key information on the website**

You will be able to find out a lot of information from the website. See below for a few ideas.

#### **Year group**

- Welcome video from the class teachers
- Curriculum overviews
- Long term plans

#### **About**

- School prospectus
- EYFS prospectus

If you have any questions please email the school email address and we will be happy to help. Have a lovely summer, we can't wait to see you all in September.

Mrs Watson  
Head Teacher