

Monday 13th July 2020

Dear Parents/carers

Thank you for all your support through these challenging times and thank you also for being so patient in waiting to hear our plans for September. I have now had time to carefully consider the guidance from the Government for September and can now share with you how we intend to follow them.

All children will return to school in September with staggered start dates and staggered start and finish times. **Please see the attached timetable for whole school timings.**

Class sizes:

Class sizes will now return to normal, with a maximum of 30 children in each class, with at least 1 adult. Children will need to be sat facing the front and the teachers will aim to remain 2m away from the children as much as possible. Surfaces and items that are frequently touched will be cleaned regularly and children will be asked to wash their hands for 20 seconds regularly throughout the day. Tissues must be used for coughs and sneezes 'catch-it-bin-it-kill-it'. Hand sanitiser will be available in every classroom and will be used as the children enter each morning.

Assemblies:

These have been taking place virtually, not in the hall. A member of the leadership team will lead assembly three times a week, which will be shared on the screens in the classrooms.

Introduction Day:

Pupils are invited in to school to get to know the new routines and systems for a day, in the first week in September. As so many children have been away from school and have not yet met their new teachers, this will give them the opportunity to settle in gently.

Breaks and Lunchtimes:

Children will have separate areas to play and will be kept within their year group. They will not have to socially distance from each other, although they will need to remain 2m away from adults. All play equipment will be cleaned before and after use. Lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure that we can keep the year groups separated.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We intend to open our Breakfast Club and After School Clubs as before. Numbers will now be limited and children will have to be kept in their separate year groups within the club and will not be allowed to mix. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to book a place.

Drop-off and Collection:

You will need to arrive at the school gates on time each day. It is important that children are not late or early. You must not gather with other families on the school site. A member of staff will be on the gate to direct you around the site to drop off and collect. Please follow the one-way route around the site.

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We do expect all adults to remain socially distanced by 2m, using the markers laid out for you. No parents will be allowed into the school building. I know this will be difficult for the younger children, but it is in order to keep everyone safe at this time. Office staff will be available outside at drop-off and collection times. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, you can arrange a meeting through the office.

Attendance:

The Government have advised that attendance will be compulsory for all children. Standard attendance procedures will resume, including schools having a responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence. It is vital for all children to return in order to support their education, wellbeing and wider development, missing out on even more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Parents have a duty of care to ensure they attend. We appreciate that you may be anxious about your child returning to school in September and hope that we can assure you that we are all working hard putting the measures in place to reduce the risk in school, as we have been throughout the whole lockdown for our vulnerable and keyworker students. If you are feeling reluctant or anxious about returning to school in September, please contact the school office, who can put you in touch with the appropriate person to discuss your concerns.

School bags:

Children are allowed to bring their bags in to school. However, please keep this to just essentials. Children should only bring to school; lunch boxes, water bottles, PE Kits and homework/reading books. Children do not need to bring any stationary to school, we will provide everything they need for their school work.

Presenting with symptoms

Pupils, staff and other adults should not attend the school site if they have had coronavirus symptoms, or have tested positive for the virus in the previous 7 days. If anyone in school becomes unwell, they will be sent home and advised to follow the NHS guidance, including the NHS test and trace process. Other members of their household should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. If a child or member of staff was to test positive, the Year group bubble would close, and the children and staff would be advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

Keeping in touch:

There may need to be some changes to this plan, depending on Government guidance. All updates will be sent out via Parentmail and posted onto the website. Please make sure you check regularly. If you haven't already done so, please download the Parentmail app to your phone. If you have moved house, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please contact the office so that we have your current contact details. The school office will be open from 9am – 3pm daily until 1:30pm on Friday 17th July. The office will be closed for the summer holidays.

The staff team and I cannot wait to have all the children back in school. Have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best Wishes



Mrs Sarah Cullen
Headteacher