



Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 1st September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school – I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer. (I was once again reminded of how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world, having enjoyed rediscovering much of it with my family this August.)

In school, we are very much looking forward to seeing you and your children on Monday 7th September. (New reception children from WB 21.9.20). We have missed you all.

As promised before the holidays, this letter is a quick reminder of how school will operate for the first term (and beyond, depending on government guidance).

Returning to School:

We realise that this has been an incredibly intense time for your children and that they may have some anxieties about being in school/ being away from their parent/s, therefore in the first 2 weeks of term we will teach the children as follows:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Classroom</u>
Mrs Mogridge and Mrs French	1	1
Mr Collinge	2	2
Mr Shainberg	3	3
Mrs Thomas/ Mrs Sanderson	4	4
Mrs Wood	5	5
Mr Martin	6	6

Teachers will collect the children from the playground to support children coming into school. (If you have any concerns about your child returning to school and feel that we need to know these before the start of the year, please do email me.)

Coming into School:

In order to help us maintain social distancing, please can you make sure that your child is dropped off and collected at these allotted times (**The only exception to this is the Y1 children in class 2**, who for **the first 2 weeks**, need to be dropped off at 8.45 and collected at 3.00 please)

Class	Drop off Time	Collection Time	Drop off and collection point
1	8.45	3.00	Large playground
2	9.00	3.15	Large Playground
3	8.45	3.00	Front playground by blue doors
4	9.00	3.15	Front playground by blue doors
5	8.45	3.00	Front reception (Office)
6	9.00	3.15	Front reception (Office)

I realise that for a few families these drop off and pick up times are not the same for all of your children, please can you bear with us whilst we get school up and running, I am sure that we will be able to find a solution to this given a little time.

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Reading Books and School Equipment:

Due to the restrictions placed upon us, we are requesting that children DO NOT bring in any objects other than the following:

- Water bottle
- Coat (if it's cold/wet)
- Lunch box (if not having a school meal)
- Snack
- Reading book and diary

These can be carried in a small school bag if necessary – please be aware that children in Y4-Y6 will have to keep these bags and their coats on the back on their chairs, so nothing 'bulky' please.

School will provide all stationary in personal pencil cases. Reading books will be given to children, but when returned, will undergo a period of isolation before being reassigned. Children are still expected to read EVERY night.

Your child DOES NOT need to bring their PE kit into school – on days when your child has PE, they should come to school in their kit. More details of these days to follow. (No PE kits will be needed for the first 2 weeks of term.)

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

	10.00 – 10.20	10.30 – 10.50
Front playground	Class 3 and 4	
Rear Playground	Class 1 and 2	Class 5 and 6
	12.00 – 12.30	12.30 -1.00
Eating in class	Class 1 and 2 (Hall)	Classes 3 and 4
	Class 5 and 6	
Outside play (Rear playground)	Class 3 and 4	Class 1 and 2
Outside play (front playground)		Class 5 and 6
	2.00 – 2.15	2.15 – 2.30
Front playground	Class 3 and 4	
Rear playground	Class 1 and 2	Class 5 and 6

School Uniform:

Please can all children wear school uniform (exp on PE days when they can wear PE kit – inc jogging bottoms/ leggings) In line with guidance, this uniform (and your children) should be washed daily.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

There will be no extracurricular clubs for the first half term.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club will continue to run from 7.30 am M-F. This will be based in the hall and the children will sit in their 'bubbles', even if they are members of the same family. For the time being breakfast club WILL NOT be serving breakfast. There will be a charge of £2.00 for child care (to cover staffing costs).

Photos of Classrooms

On Friday, I will upload to the school website photographs of the classrooms with the new layouts –as you will see, we are following guidance by having all tables facing forwards and no 'carpet spaces.' You child will sit in twos and the movement around the classroom will be reduced. However, this does not mean that children will not be able to speak to one another and smile at friends – their playtimes will be together and we will ensure that we provide 2 hours of quality PE every week. Where we can, we will take lessons outside to allow a more flexible learning approach.

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We know that school will be a little bit different, but we are still the supportive, child-centred community primary school that we always have been, and we are determined and focussed on getting the return to school right for all of our children; to provide them all with the high quality education that you have come to expect from us.

I hope you enjoy these last few days of your school holiday – see you all very soon.

Mrs Vicky Sanderson

2020/21 Term Dates

We have updated the calendar on our website with our term dates, including any INSET days. We hope this will be useful for you when planning ahead from September.

Inset days:

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Friday 25th September

Monday 22nd February

Monday 19th April

Coronavirus Information from the Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Face coverings (1.9.20)

The government is not recommending universal use of face coverings in all schools. Schools that teach children in years 7 and above and which are not under specific local restriction measures will have the discretion to require face coverings for pupils, staff and visitors in areas outside the classroom where social distancing cannot easily be maintained, such as corridors and communal areas and it has been deemed appropriate in those circumstances. Primary school children will not need to wear a face covering. [Head teachers in primary schools to use judgement re: staff/ visitors wearing face coverings in communal places.]

What should I do if my child is displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms?

If your child becomes unwell with a new, persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must stay at home and you should follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection guidance](#).

If your child becomes unwell while at a setting, the provider should call you immediately to come and collect them. While your child is awaiting collection they will be kept separately from others by a distance of at least 2 metres, ideally in a well-ventilated room with appropriate adult supervision.

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When you collect your child you should take them straight home, do not:

- use public transport
- visit the GP
- visit a pharmacy
- visit the urgent care centre
- visit a hospital - (unless the child is seriously unwell)

In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

If your child has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), a high temperature, new and persistent cough or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), however mild, they should self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started. Or if they are not experiencing symptoms but have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they should self-isolate for at least 10 days starting from the day the test was taken.

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

You should arrange a test for them as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). You can do this by visiting [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. You and other fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child tests negative, they can usually return to the setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation subject to confirmation from local health protection professionals.

If your child tests negative but is unwell, they should not return to the setting until they are recovered.

If your child tests positive, NHS Test and Trace will speak directly to those that have been in contact with your child to offer advice. This advice may be that the rest of their class or group within the setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. Household members should also self-isolate at home. See the current [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) for more information.