

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this news update finds you all well. Apologies for any delay in contacting you with updates but we wanted to make sure that we had available the correct information for you.

According to the Government, given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school.

With effect from September, all pupils will be expected to return to school. Therefore, attendance will be mandatory. Please note that the children will all be expected to return to school wearing full school uniform.

In line with Government Guidance, we will arrange the children in Class and year group Bubbles. This will ensure that children are not mixed with other Year groups, wherever possible, during the school day. Playtimes and lunch times have been adapted to reduce interaction with different year groups.

With this in mind we have split break times for Years 1 3 5 and for Years 2 4 6. This will enable the children to play out in Zones. Year 1 & 2 will each use the Y1 playground at different times. Years 3 & 4 will use the half of the main playground which includes the table tennis table and Years 5 & 6 will use the other half to include the MUGA.

The classrooms will be arranged with forward facing desks and staff will maintain distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible

Staff will ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly and hand cleaning is going to be needed for the foreseeable future.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important, so schools must ensure that they have enough tissues and bins available in the school to support pupils and staff to follow this routine.

We have made arrangements for staggered starts and finish times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave school. This is according to the children's surname as detailed below.

We have grouped the children alphabetically

8.30 a.m. letters A-C Home time 3.00 p.m.

8.45 a.m. Letters D- H Home time 3.15 p.m.

9.00 Letters I-Q Home time 3.30 p.m.

9.15 Letters R-Z Home time 3.45 p.m.

The staggered start and end to the school day will give staff an opportunity to address any wellbeing needs as well as pre-tutoring, addressing any misconceptions from the previous day, additional targeting of pupils etc. It will be a valuable teaching/learning time.

If any siblings have different surnames the Class Teacher will contact you and agree the one start and finish time for all the siblings.

Please note that this will mean that the vehicle gates will be locked from 8.25 a.m. until 9.35 a.m. At Home time from 2.50 p.m. until 4.00 p.m. We therefore advise that parents do not use the main staff car park as this could result in being unable to leave for a period of time.

We have ordered plastic wallets for each child from Y1 to Y6 which will include basic stationery to avoid sharing of resources.

Parent Pay

From September we will be a 'no cash' school. The only cash we will be able to accept is for charitable donations. Parent Pay is available to all parents. If you do not have access to Parent Pay, please speak to the office staff who can direct you to the nearest Pay Point.

POSH Club

We will resume POSH Club from the start of the autumn term. Please contact Miss Keeling if you require any further information. Please note that payment needs to be made using Parent Pay.

There will be no after school clubs for at least the first half of the autumn term and no choir.

Y2 PPA music will be delivered by Mrs Stafford and she will focus on the Music Arts award.

We are yet to hear about swimming, however if this does resume in the autumn term Year 4O will attend due to missing their swimming whilst in Year 3. Year 3W will go in spring and Year 3E will attend during summer term.

If your child/children attend POSH the staggered start times do not apply.

Pupil Wellbeing and support

Pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. Some may need support to re-adjust to school; others may have enjoyed being at home and be reluctant to return; a few may be showing signs of more severe anxiety or depression. Others will not be experiencing any challenges and will be keen and ready to return to school. Please note that all staff will be extra vigilant and mindful of this and ensure that appropriate support is given.

If there is any further information or updates these will be placed on the school website.

Please note that school reopens for children on Wednesday 2nd September at the staggered start time.

Year 1 will enter through the Year 1 playground in the morning and exit the same way at home time.

Year 2 will enter through their classroom fire doors in the morning and exit the same way at home time.

Years 3 and Year 4 will enter and leave through the main rear playground doors.

Years 5 & 6 will enter through the side rainbow staircase door.

Kind Regards

Mrs Jones

