

## Parent information regarding the return to school 7<sup>th</sup> September

Please find below, what we feel is helpful guidance to help you prepare your children and yourselves for the beginning of term. This information is designed to be as clear and as helpful as possible and does not change the fact that we are very much looking forward to seeing your children on their return to school in September. We know you will read this information and then find a way to then talk to your children in order to reassure them and help them understand what it will be like. We are here to help you if you need us.

- 1) You received an email earlier in the week with information on year group start times. Please make sure you know which gate your child needs to be dropped off at. Please keep strictly to your child's start and finish times.
- 2) The drop off point is at the front of the school by one of the 3 school gates. Parents **will not** be allowed on site in the morning. Please ensure that your child is prepared and knows that you will not be coming into school with them. Staff will be at the front to welcome children into school but will not be able to get close to or hold your child's hand. Your child must feel confident to walk in through the gates independently. We know that some of our youngest children may find this difficult and we will do our best to reassure them from a distance. To reassure you the FS and year 1 children currently in school have adapted well to this new routine and are all happily coming into school on their own.
- 3) If parents need a conversation with a member of staff then please call or email the school office and we will arrange a call back within 24 hours.
- 4) Once your child has walked through the gate they will be directed to a spot on the floor to stand with their class. Once everyone from their class is in school, their teacher will walk them to their classroom.
- 5) Some staff may be wearing PPE – please make sure your child knows this and feels calm about seeing staff in masks.
- 6) Children who are not having a school dinner need to bring a packed lunch and water for the day. Children will be spending a lot of time outside as this reduces the chance of infection so please apply sun cream prior to school if the weather is likely to be hot. Please label lunchboxes and bottles. Your child **must not** bring anything else with them. All equipment required for the day will be provided. Do not send rucksacks, pencils cases or any other items into school. We would advise that mobile phones are not brought into school, as we cannot take responsibility for them. If your child does bring a phone it must be turned off on entry to school and should not be turned on until leaving the school grounds. This is only for the older children who bring themselves to school.
- 7) In the classroom children in year 1 - 6 will have a shared desk and a chair which only they will use. They will have a labelled bag with essential equipment that only they will use.

Their lunch box and drink's bottle will be stored safely and not touched by other children.

- 8) Children will not be working in groups or pairs and the staff will not be able to work 1:1 with a child. Staff will maintain social distancing as much as is possible. Please make sure your child knows this before coming into school.
- 9) The classrooms have been set up in accordance with government guidance and children in year groups 1 -6 will be seated facing the front of the classroom.
- 10) Each class will stay together at all times. As much as is possible children will not mix with other classes.
- 11) The classrooms have been arranged to reduce the spread of the virus and therefore many pieces of equipment have been removed so that they cannot be touched. All soft play equipment has been removed and anything needed for the day will be issued during the lesson.
- 12) Regular cleaning will take place during the school day.
- 13) Each class will have a designated outdoor space that they will use at break time and lunchtime. Staff in the class will stay with them and supervise at these times. Children will be expected to try and maintain social distancing but we know this will not always be possible at these times.
- 14) Your child will be expected to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the school day. This will include at the beginning of the day, before and after break, before and after lunch and at other times such as when they have been to the toilet. Hand sanitiser will also be used throughout the day.
- 15) If a child hurts themselves, then depending on the injury, older children will be expected to wash a graze and put a plaster on independently. If they are unable to do this safely or they are one of our younger children then one of our first aider will be called to assist. This member of staff will be wearing full PPE in order that they are able to come into close contact with your child. The school office will ring to inform you of any first aid incidents.
- 16) At the end of your child's day, their class will be walked to the front of the school and they will be reminded to stand on their spots. Parents will come in via the gate used in the morning and will walk through the guided walk way to collect their child. A staff member will then release each child to their parent or carer and you will leave via the same gate. This enables one-way movement but we ask that you are patient and that as you wait you socially distance from other parents. **Please do not be late to pick your child up.**

- 17) On a PE day all children will be expected to come to school wearing PE kit. There will be no changing in school. Your class teacher will inform you of your child's PE day in September.
- 18) If your child becomes ill whilst at school they will be isolated from their class and the rest of the school. A member staff will remain with them but will be wearing full PPE. You will be called and given instructions on how to enter the site in order to collect them.
- 19) If a child or member of staff within your child's class shows any Covid 19 symptoms they will need to self-isolate until test has been carried out. If the test is positive this isolation will continue for the 14 days and current guidelines will be followed in relation to the rest of the class.
- 20) We would ask that when parents and families come into close proximity with others, that wherever possible, adults wear masks. This cannot be enforced but will help to make everyone feel safer.
- 21) If you have any further questions, please email the school office and someone will respond before September.

These new systems and ways of working will be reviewed regularly and we will keep parents up to date with any changes.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>.