

Information for Parents – September Opening:

I have outlined below the details for September opening. Apologies it is so long, but I felt it was important to give you all of the information so you can get a clear picture of how school will look and see what we are doing to reduce the risk in school. Please discuss this with your children before returning to school in September. Hopefully it will have all the information you need, but if you have any further questions not covered here, please do get in touch.

The intention is for us to invite all pupils back to school, but this comes with some challenges. As with all recent Covid19 updates, this information is subject to change. 6 weeks is a long time, but if we do have to alter any plans you will be informed as soon as possible.

Our school Covid19 risk assessment will be available to view on the school website, along with our new school policies, this week.

Organisation of groups:	<p>You will have heard a lot about 'bubbles' which we have been using in school over the last half term. This will continue in September with each class effectively forming its own bubble and staying within this wherever possible. In order for our school to fully function, however, there will be times when pupils will have to share spaces with children from other classes. We will need to do this on a lunchtime, and also after school, so we can re-introduce our wrap-around care facility which is important to so many parents.</p> <p>We will put in measures to still maintain distances between groups wherever possible, and where children do need to be grouped together, Class 1 will join with Class 2, and Class 3 will join with Class 4.</p> <p>Most staff members will remain with the same groups all the time, but very occasionally people may be required to work with different groups during the day.</p> <p>We are following Government guidance by putting in all the measures that we can within reason. This means that social distancing will be in place wherever possible, but reducing contact between groups will be our main method for minimising risk in school.</p>
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Equipment:	Children may once again bring school bags, and packed lunch boxes into school from September. They will be provided with their own set of stationery where practical. Shared resources will be cleaned and/or left for a period of 72 hours before being used again. We would encourage all children to bring their own water bottles into school. Water bottles and packed lunch boxes will be wiped down on entry.
School Day:	<p>Please drop children off at the specified entrance and time below. A member of staff will greet you at the gate each morning. We ask that only one parent accompanies each child to restrict traffic and reduce contact. Please try not to linger at the gates in groups once you have dropped your child off.</p> <p>We ask that parents do not come into school without a prior appointment. Please use phone or email to contact the school wherever possible.</p> <p>Class 1 and Class 2:</p> <p>Drop off: 8.30 – 8.40 Collect: 3.00-3.10</p> <p>Class 1 to use main gate and enter through Class 1 fire door.</p> <p>Class 2 to use tea club gate and enter through main entrance.</p> <p>Class 3 and Class 4:</p> <p>Drop off: 8.40-8.50 Collect: 3.10-3.20</p> <p>Class 3 to use main gate and enter round back of the school through fire door.</p> <p>Class 4 to use tea club gate and enter through back door.</p> <p>Where children have siblings in other classes, pick up and drop offs should fit in around earliest and latest times so children do not miss part of the day. For example, siblings in Class 2 and Class 4 would both be dropped off between 8.30-8.40 start and collected between 3.10 – 3.20. If you could aim to arrive as close as possible to the crossover times 8.40 and 3.10, that would be ideal. A member of staff will be in the class from 8.30 each morning.</p>

<p>Movement around school:</p>	<p>We have markers around school to encourage children to keep their distance when moving around the building, and lining up. This will be supervised by staff and become part of our new routines.</p>
<p>Playtimes:</p>	<p>These will be staggered over two sessions to reduce contact, and each class will have a designated area to play in with their own set of equipment. This will be cleaned each day after use.</p> <p>10.15 – 10.30 Class 3 and 4</p> <p>10.30 – 10.45 Class 1 and 2</p>
<p>Lunchtimes:</p>	<p>Lunchtimes will be staggered over a 90-minute period and tables and seats will be cleaned between sittings. There will be a maximum of 30 children in the hall at any one time in order to maintain social distancing. Some children will have their lunch in classrooms to create more space.</p> <p>11.30 – 12.30 Class 3 and 4</p> <p>12.00 – 1.00 – Year 3</p> <p>12.00 – 1.15 – Year 2</p> <p>12.00 – 1.15 Class 1</p>
<p>First Aid:</p>	<p>All staff are first aid trained and each group will have its own first aid kit in the classroom/outside. Wherever possible, for minor scrapes, we will ask children to clean themselves up. Obviously this is dependent on the age of the child, and where this is not possible, staff will administer first aid, wearing PPE if necessary (for example with open cuts).</p>
<p>Wraparound Care:</p>	<p>We are hoping to resume wraparound care from Monday 7th September. This will give us the first two days to re-establish the children in school and address any issues around new routines, before introducing another factor.</p>

	<p>We are making some changes to this provision in September in order to reduce any risk as much as we can. You will need to book in by Friday, if you wish your child to attend the following week. It is really important that we know how many children we are going to have each week. We would also kindly ask you to make any payments in advance through Parent Pay.</p> <p>We are also going to need to limit the number of places we can offer as we simply do not have the space to accommodate large groups of children whilst maintaining social distancing. For both Breakfast and Tea Club we will only be able to accept up to 12 children from Classes 1 and 2, and up to 12 children from classes 3 and 4. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. We also need to allow additional cleaning time, so Tea Club will finish at 5.15pm to allow this.</p> <p><u>Breakfast Club 7.40 – 8.40am</u></p> <p>£3 with breakfast until 8.10am</p> <p>£1.50 without breakfast from 8.10 – 8.40am</p> <p><u>Tea Club 3.15pm – 5.15pm</u></p> <p>£3 for the first hour and £1 for every half hour after this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will be separated into two parts of the hall for upper and lower school • We will use the outdoor area and library to help separate groups where possible • Each group will have their own set of shared equipment cleaned daily
<p>Other After-School Clubs</p>	<p>We are hoping to continue to provide some sports after-school clubs in the Autumn Term at a cost of £1. Clubs will only involve children from the same class, or at most a combination of children from Class 3 and Class 4. At the moment there are no plans for competitive sports competitions with other schools, but this may change over the coming weeks. We will give more information on this when we come back in September. At the beginning of term, we will send a letter</p>

	with a list of clubs for the first half-term, once these have been confirmed.
Covid19:	I have attached a separate letter with more information about Covid19 and staying safe over the summer. I will update you with reminders and any further advice around this, in September. Essentially we would ask that anyone with symptoms does not enter the building. Everyone is now eligible to get tested, and if we have a confirmed case in school then the whole bubble would isolate for 14 days. School would contact the Health Protection Team at this point for further advice, before deciding on next steps.
Cleaning:	We currently have additional cleaning practices in school, and this will continue in September. Each class has their own set of cleaning equipment and will regularly wipe down any surfaces which are used as regular touch points. Bins are emptied at least twice daily, at the end of lunchtime, and at the end of the day. Toilets will also be cleaned after break and lunch times.
Hygiene:	Children will wash their hands at regular intervals during the day, and at least every time they enter and leave the building. This will be done with the class teacher where possible, and supervised where this is appropriate.
Curriculum:	Children will continue to be taught all subjects, though there will be some limitations for example in music, and P.E. . In September, we will be assessing the children to establish any gaps in learning, which will then be factored into our planning. Please do not worry about where your child is working at; class teachers will plan appropriately once children are re-established in school.

Behaviour:	Our behaviour policy will be updated for September in line with new procedures we have in school. This will be shared with pupils and parents at the beginning of the new school year.
Remote Learning:	<p>If a child is isolating, or unable to attend school for any reason, we will be able to offer them access to remote learning. We are currently developing this and will be able to give you more information in September. In the meantime we do have a number of school subscription services that children can log in to over the summer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bug Club • Times Tables Rock Stars • Numbots • Lexia (for those using this program) <p>Please ask your child's class teacher if you need a reminder of any passwords.</p>
Collective Worship:	We will not be able to gather in large groups in the hall in September, so collective worship will take place via staff recordings, live video conferencing, and within own classrooms.
Transition:	If you or your child are feeling anxious about the return to school please get in touch so we can arrange an appropriate plan for September. It is really important that we can work together on this, and try to raise confidence during what will be a nervous time for some.
Educational Visits:	We are currently not planning any educational visits outside of school for the first half-term, though we may have visitors coming in. We will keep this under review, but feel it is important to establish confidence in school routines first before taking children out into public areas.

<p>Uniform:</p>	<p>Children will be expected to wear uniform again from September. This does not need to be cleaned in a specific way, or any more regularly than usual.</p> <p>As there are some logistical challenges with getting changed for P.E. lessons we will be allowing all children to come into school wearing P.E. kit on Mondays and Tuesdays. This consists of a white t-shirt and blue shorts, but children may wear a tracksuit or joggers if needed.</p>
<p>Dates:</p>	<p>Tuesday 1st September – Staff inset day</p> <p>Wednesday 2nd September – Staff inset day</p> <p>Thursday 3rd September - Return to school for years 1-6</p> <p>Monday 7th September – Breakfast Club and Tea Club available but must be booked in advance.</p> <p>Tuesday 8th September – Reception in from 9.00 – 11.30</p> <p>Wednesday 9th September – Reception in from 9.00 – 11.30</p> <p>Thursday 10th September – Reception in from 9.00 – 1.00 (with school dinner)</p> <p>Monday 14th September – All children in full time</p>