



Tuesday 14th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has been an eventful year in many ways with lots of changes. With these changes we have grown and found out many things about our strength, our resilience and connection with our community. As the end of the term approaches we wanted to share with you some of the arrangements we have put in place for a safe and effective return back to school in September.

Later this week, you will receive a letter outlining key information in relation to your child's return to school in September.

Good Hand Sanitisation//Hygiene Routines

- Stringent hygiene and hand washing routines in place. There will be hand sanitiser stations at entry and exit points across the school and outside of every classroom.
- Correct hand washing techniques taught and modelled
- Pupils and adults hand sanitising and washing throughout key transition times during the day
- School initiatives to remind and promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when sneezing and coughing.
- Lidded bins in every classroom to dispose of tissues. These bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day.

Enhanced Cleaning

- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g. door knobs, light switches, banisters etc) regularly using standard products, such as detergents and bleach. This will be done constantly throughout the day.
- Toilets cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Thorough whole school cleaning at the end of each day to ensure the highest hygiene possible.
- Enhanced, deep cleaning will continue to happen.
- Each classroom to have cleaning products to be used throughout the day on regularly touched surfaces by the classteacher

In Class/School

- To minimise contact with others and mixing, children will be placed in Year group bubbles. This will be consistent with minimal contact with other bubbles
- Within the classrooms furniture will be placed to allow and reinforce social distancing with 2 children sitting at a table forward facing and in rows.
- Sections of the playground allocated to 'bubbles' of children to play in during playtimes. Each bubble to have their own box of playground equipment. Equipment will be cleaned and sanitised after each use.
- Staggered lunchtimes to ensure Year group bubbles of children do not mix reducing contact with other 'bubbles' as much as possible.

- Different start and finish times to reduce the crowding at the beginning of school and home times.
- Children will be reminded to social distance at all times
- Individual stationary packs to reduce the sharing of resources e.g. pencil, pens etc.
- Increased opportunities for learning to take place outside in the playground as this reduces the spread of the virus.
- Soft furnishing removed to reduce surface contamination.
- Toys and resources will be regularly cleaned/sanitised after each use.
- One ways system in place to encourage social distancing
- Clear signs to encourage and remind people of the importance of social distancing

Children will still receive a creative balanced curriculum learning all subjects.

School Uniform

It is expected that every child wears the correct school uniform everyday.

- Please wash your child's school uniform more often than usual as this will help eradicate the virus
- Correct footwear to be worn at all times. **NO TRAINERS or trainer like shoes**
- Royal blue school jumper and not Teal blue

Please remind your child not to bring to school anything from home as this will encourage cross contamination.

Drop off/Pick up times

- Each year group will have a different start and end of school time. It is important that you stick to the times as this will ease the congestion at these key times in the day.
- Parent/carers to social distance when collecting and dropping their children off. Please do not crowd together.
- Only one parent/carer per family to collect child/ren from school.

More information will be communicated to you via a letter at the end of the week. The main office will also be closed in September. If you have any concerns, please phone the school office.

Attendance

It is vital that all children return to school to minimise the long term impact of the pandemic on our children's education, well-being and wider development. Missing more time in the classroom risks children falling further behind therefore hindering their educational growth and interaction with their peers.

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the Autumn term. The usual rules on school attendance resumes and applies again.

- It is a parent's duty that their child attends school to receive an education
- The school will record your child's attendance and follow up on absence
- Fixed penalty notices could be sanctioned in line with the local authorities' code of conduct.

Covid-19

- If a child becomes ill displaying symptoms of Covid, (**high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste or smell**) they **MUST** remain at home, and the household will need to follow the Government's self- isolating guidelines.
- The parent will be contacted and expected to collect their child immediately.
- The child will be isolated from other children but looked after by a member of staff.
- The person looking after the child would wear personal protected equipment.
- Any child feeling unwell should be kept at home.
- Areas where the child has been based would be thoroughly cleaned and anyone who has been in contact with the child will wash their hands thoroughly.
- Any staff member who is experiencing symptoms will not attend school and will follow government guidelines.

We hope that the guidance within this letter provides you with some reassurances of the safety measures that the school is putting into place to help minimize the potential risks of COVID-19. However, should you have any further questions about our plans, then please do not hesitate to contact us via the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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