

PARENTS... a 'New Year' checklist (4/1/21)

A few things to remember as we get your child once again back to their learning & friendships ... please read carefully before our 1st day back on Monday 4th January.

Everyone back : All children should be back in school from 4/1/21.

It's going to be a different start to the year, but we are determined to make it really special— full of fun and lots of learning... bring it on, 2021!!

Remember : Bring as few things to school as possible. Water bottles to come in on a Monday and we'll re- turn home on a Friday; PE kit, inc trainers, to come in and stay in school until it needs a wash; and Book & homework bags, daily. Junior children can bring a pencil case if they wish, to stay in school.

Mobile phones—we would prefer children do not bring a phone to school. If Parents insist their child brings a mobile phone to school this will be at their own risk. Children will not be able to hand these in to be looked after in the day. Sensible shoes and a waterproof coat are needed daily, as the children will still be outside as much as possible. Inside the increased ventilation will continue to make it feel a little chilly at times- so layer up, under your uniform please.

Drop Off : It's more important than ever for us to social distance. Gates will open from 8.40am.

'Odd' Numbered classes & Nursery are to arrive between 8.45am & 9am.

'Even' numbered classes between 9am and 9.15am.

****If you have children in both odd and even classes—come as close to 9am as possible****

Children to come to school with one adult. Please do not come early and avoid gathering with others.

Drop off and leave immediately, please.

For this to work we need parents to be vigilant and observe social distancing. We also encourage wearing face masks at this time. Staff will be wearing them in all communal areas.

Senior staff will be on hand in the top yard for short conversations and will pass on important messages.

Communication : Unless by appointment, the office will be closed to visitors. Any communication with the office or teachers to be via email or phone, please.

As ever, our weekly **newsletter** is a 'must read' - coming home on ParentMail, Twitter and on the School's website—Every Friday. Are your contact details up to date?? Please let us know of any changes asap, please.

During the Day : Your child will be taught in their class and across their year group.

Year groups and classes will isolate from all other groups for the whole day, staggering playtimes, lunchtimes etc; and will have a small, consistent number of teachers/support staff throughout the week. We are adopting a 'no touching' policy and being insistent on the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message.

This arrangement will allow us to run pretty much like normal, with setting, specialist teaching and extended opportunities to make the learning diet its usual vivid, wide ranging and inspiring self.

Home time : Odd classes—Collect your child anytime between 2.45pm and 3pm, using the same social distancing plans. Even Classes— Collect your child anytime between 3pm and 3.15pm

If you have children in odd and even classes—come as close to 3pm as possible.

Infants will be released to parents as normal, with the Juniors being released into the yard where you need to pick them up—please agree a place to collect them if they are not walking home. Once you have collected your child, please leave the school site immediately.

Out of School Clubs : Drop off and collection points from our OOSC settings remain the same as Autumn term.

Hygiene : Daily intensive cleaning programme continues overnight on a daily basis.

During the day, the hygiene regime will be maintained at its intensified level, with staff on duty all day to make sure handwashing is regular and effective; and things are as clean and safe as they can be.

Current advice says face coverings should not to be worn in school by children in Primary Schools.

If someone Displays Covid19 symptoms, whilst in school, in a 'better safe than sorry' approach we will be in touch with parents to collect poorly children immediately and ask them to go for a test. Please continue to inform us of any test results from your family, to ensure we can follow NHS track and trace procedures.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts to keep us all as safe as possible.

