

PARENTS... a September checklist (28/8/20)

A few things to remember as we get your child back to their learning & friendships ... please read carefully before our 1st day back on Tues 8th Sept.

Everyone back : All children should be back in school from 8/9/20

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

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

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 we're looking to get the children outside as much as possible.

Drop Off : It's still important for us to social distance. Gates will not open until 8.45am.

- ◆ '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.
(See over for a reminder of class numbers)
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Staff will be on hand in the top yard to direct you to the correct entrances & for short conversations.

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.

Hometime : 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 : Information about drop off and collection points from our OOSC settings will be sent out to parents next Friday.

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.

Other things you need to know

Reminder of class numbers :

Class 1 : Mrs Taylor
Class 2 : Miss Holdsworth
Class 3 : Mrs Turner & Mrs Maundrill
Class 4 : Mr Hazlehurst
Class 5 : Mrs Kaur
Class 6 : Mrs Gordon
Class 7 : Miss Fox
Class 8 : Miss Boylan
Class 9 : Mrs Freeman
Class 10 : Mrs Thaxter & Mr Freeman
Class 11 : Mrs Sharp & Mrs Bolger
Class 12 : Mr Anderson
Class 13 : Mr Calderwood
Class 14 : Mr Heritage
Class 15 : Miss Polotnianka

School Dinners

Our full menu is now back. Dinners are still free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Years 3 to 6 need to pay for their lunches via ParentPay (£2 a day). A copy of the new menu will be sent home alongside the first newsletter of the year. We encourage children to eat a healthy and wholesome lunch each day—our school dinners are a perfect way to do this and are amazing value for money.

Learning

Although we managed to get all year groups back into school for some time, the children have all faced challenging times with their learning. Our thanks to the majority of parents who managed to keep their children learning whilst they weren't in school. There are, however, going to be some children who we haven't seen or have a big job to catch up with their learning. As you would expect, staff have been planning meticulously to create a learning programme for all the missed learning from the Summer Term to be taught and learnt. This will run alongside the learning for Autumn. Our aim is for all children to be back on track by Christmas. As we assess how much 'catch-up' is needed by every individual child, we will introduce extra opportunities where children will be taught extra lessons by teachers out of the school day— some will be one to one, or in small groups.... Free tuition!! Just like a club!

Finally...

Working hard with parents, we will get the children back to school, happy and learning... an important few weeks for our children is ahead—let's make this work!

We can't wait!!

School Uniform

It's back to normal on the uniform front. Full uniform with shoes and sensible haircuts, please.

What happens if someone Displays Covid19 symptoms

As we approach Autumn and Winter we will likely see staff and children with coughs and fevers—these may be Covid19, or any of a number of other bugs we see each year. 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.

What happens if someone tests positive

Over the next few months, it is possible that someone in school may test positive for Covid19.

In this situation, school will speak with Public Health England for instructions regarding who else will need to isolate at home—this may be part of a class, a class or even a whole year group.

Our internal 'track & trace' arrangements will be vital in this situation.

Parents need to be ready for this eventuality—we dearly hope that remote learning will be not needed again, but we are ready if required.

Full Risk Assessment

These are a few key points that parents need to know. They are based on the full risk assessment which is available on the school's website homepage.

School also has an 'Operational Plan' which details for staff the processes and actions needed to keep our children safe and learning. These aim to reduce but not totally remove risk.