

# Newsletter

Dear Parents and Friends,

The summer has flown by and September is literally just around the corner! I do hope that you have been able to relax in some way over the Summer Holiday. All children return to school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. *This means that all pupils of compulsory school age must be in school unless a statutory reason applies (for example, the pupil has been granted a leave of absence, is unable to attend because of sickness, is absent for a necessary religious observance etc.).*



I would like to reassure you that we have been working to ensure that measures are in place to keep the children safe. These measures include:

- **Staggered drop-off and pick-up times to avoid unnecessary gatherings.**
- **Designated entrances / exits for each class.**
- **Extra hand sanitising / hand washing stations – including a new sink in the entrance hall.**
- **Designated toilet facilities for each class which are not shared by any other class.**
- **Enhanced cleaning regimes and regular hand washing protocols.**
- **Revised timetabling to ensure classes do not ‘mix’ and remain in ‘bubbles’.**
- **Re-configuration of classrooms to ensure children do not sit facing each other.**
- **Children eating their lunch in their classrooms.**
- **Unfortunately, no Collective Worship (Assemblies) or PTA events this term.**

Please Note:

- **School uniform must be worn. I have attached this for your reference. THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS NOT RECOMMENDED AT PRIMARY SCHOOL, HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO WEAR A FACE-MASK IN SCHOOL IT MUST BE OF PLAIN FABRIC. (i.e. with no patterns, symbols or pictures.)**
- **Pick-up and drop-off times MUST BE ADHERED TO. These are organised alphabetically by surname. (If your children have different surnames, choose one.) They are:**

Initial	Drop-off Time	Pick-up Time
Surname A-F	8:50	14:50
Surname G-K	9:00	15:00
Surname L-Q	9:10	15:10
Surname R-Z	9:20	15:20

- **Please follow the one-way system – walking up the pavement on the drive and down the other side of the drive.**
- **Ideally, Parents of older children do not need to enter the school grounds and children can walk up the path unaided.**
- **Parents are asked to enter and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible, with no gathering for conversation.**
- **Parents are asked not to enter the school building unless absolutely necessary, and to wash their hands using the sink provided.**

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*Mr. J. Danson*

**Each teacher has sent out a letter explaining any further rules which are pertinent to that class, and will include:**

- A named water bottle is essential which will be brought home to wash daily.
- No pencil cases or stationery from home should be brought to school.
- Playtimes will be staggered therefore there will be no snacks or drinks available to buy in school. If your child would like a playtime snack, a healthy one must be provided by you.
- We are asking that, on P.E. day, children come to school in their P.E. kit and wear it all day. This is to avoid extra bags and changing in school and also enable speedier access to P.E. in a tight timeframe. Your child's class teacher will inform you of their P.E. day.

### **Your Child's Wellbeing**

I know that many parents are concerned about their child's learning, and that they may have 'fallen behind'. Also, we are aware that children returning in September may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. We know that these feelings are normal responses to an abnormal situation. Some may need support to re-adjust to school; others may have enjoyed being at home and be reluctant to return; a few may be showing signs of more severe anxiety or depression. Others will not be experiencing any challenges and will be keen and ready to return to school. We will be working with the children to ensure that they feel happy & safe. Above all else, this will be our priority, so that the children are ready to learn.

### **The Curriculum**

Our curriculum will be based on the educational needs of pupils. Our curriculum will be informed by an assessment of pupils' starting points and addressing the gaps in their knowledge and skills, in particular making effective use of regular formative assessment (for example, quizzes, observing pupils in class, talking to pupils to assess understanding, scrutiny of pupils' work). Substantial modification to the curriculum may be needed at the start of the year, so teaching time will be prioritised to address significant gaps in pupils' knowledge with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum content by no later than summer term 2021.

### **Staffing News**

There are a couple of temporary changes to note. Mrs Duxbury and Mrs Delafield are both absent for the first few weeks. Mrs McKennell will be in the office and a supply TA will be assisting in Year 3 and Year 5. Mrs Parrish will be covering staff PPA time in Years 3, 5 & 6. We welcome back Mrs Leach as Teaching Assistant in the Reception class and Mr Ballesteros will be assisting in Year 6.

I have attached the risk assessment which was completed at the end of last term, and which we have been enabling over the summer break.

### **A Return to 'Normality'**

Although the rules and regulations seem lengthy, I would like to offer my assurance that we will be making your child's experience in school a happy and productive one. I know that the children who attended school during the lockdown did feel safe and enjoyed attending. We are operating under a new 'Normal' for the foreseeable future, but we are determined that this will not detract from providing your children with the education they deserve. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance, preferably via email.

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*It gives me great pleasure to be able to say 'Welcome Back!'*

*Stay Well ☺*

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