

Thursday 3rd September, 2020

Our New Term...Two Days' In!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to this new school year; thank you for all your support so far – it has been great to welcome so many of our families back, and to see many of our children back in school again, especially if they were not able to attend from March to July.

On Tuesday we welcomed back 62% of our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, and yesterday we welcomed back 70% of our Year 3, 4 and 5 children. **We are looking forward to seeing 100% of our children from Monday 7th September.**

We hope our two 'Transition Days' helped support those children, and those of you, who were, understandably, feeling slightly worried or anxious about all of us returning to school safely. As you know, we have a range of measures in place – these include:

- All year groups/phases being taught in their own bubbles for all subjects, apart from Music, PE and Art when they will access our new routines / rooms for these specialist lessons
- All bubbles having First Aiders
- All staff being trained in use of PPE
- All staff being trained in how to respond to symptomatic pupils
- Designated 'medical isolation' rooms, if needed
- All staff being trained and involved in 'Track and Trace', to ensure pupil and staff safety
- Nursery pupils **only** being admitted to full-time education until December 2020 when we shall review this, in light of government guidance around Covid-19
- All break and lunchtime play sessions being separate for phase bubbles
- All phase bubbles having separate toilets
- All phase bubbles having separate, and retimed, entrances to school
- All children wearing full uniform four days a week
- All children wearing PE kit to school, for the whole day, on their main PE lesson day
- Our Behaviour Policy having been updated to include an element of 'social distancing'
- Our Safeguarding Policy having been updated to include any changes to reflect 'bubble' working
- Parents and Carers having no access to the school site, at any time. Any urgent discussions/meetings will be by appointment (via the School Office) only – please see additional information on pg. 2/3
- Our school day starting at different times, but all pupils will end at the same time – we will review and adapt this after our first full week, once we have observed how this all works
- **Siblings arriving at school according to the youngest family member's arrival time, and all siblings leaving via the youngest family member's gate**
- **No** bags (except Book Bags)/water bottles/equipment/pencil cases being brought into school at any time
- Only packed lunch boxes which are named, being brought to school each day
- Continued additional cleaning and sanitising, including shared equipment
- Additional hand-washing stations
- Antibacterial gel in all school buildings
- Individual class first aid kits
- Individual stationery packs
- COVID19 Home Testing Kits – available for any 'emergency' test needed, where families are unable to travel to a testing site

We are aware that a considerable increase in time is now needed at both 'drop-off' and 'pick-up', in order to keep all of your children safe, and we thank those of you who were so very supportive. To those of you who found it difficult to manage your emotions, and your annoyance, I would ask that you reflect, quite carefully, on how this presents to us.