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Information for Parents about the Autumn term

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all of your support in in the 2020-21 academic year to ensure that we operated the school in a safe and efficient way. We now look forward to the 2021-22 academic year.

In September we plan to use a blend of routines that we used pre-Covid and also retain some measures that were put in place last year but which, we feel, have been beneficial to the children. Please find the provisional plans for the Autumn term below. These plans are subject to change should the government make any last-minute changes to their instructions or documentation, but we will inform you straight away should this happen. Please read through the details below so that you are fully informed of the structure of the school day.

Start and End of School Day – September 2021

We are going to move away from the staggered timings used last year for the forthcoming Autumn term. We will still use the different entrance and exit gates to aid us with distancing a large number of people. Here is a timetable to show the details:

	Drop off	Pick up	Entry/exit point
Nursery	8:45	3:15	Side of the school hall
Reception	8:45	3:15	KS1 Playground and into Reception outdoor area
Year 1	8:45	3:15	Year 1 Outdoor Entrance (children go straight into classrooms)
Year 2	8:45	3:15	KS1 Playground (children go straight into classrooms)
Year 3	8:45	3:15	Line up on the KS1 playground and staff will take children upstairs
Year 4	8:45	3:15	Line up on the KS1 playground and staff will take children upstairs
Year 5	8:45	3:15	Use the KS2 gate and go straight up to class
Year 6	8:45	3:15	Use the KS2 gate and go straight up to class

All children will use the same entrances in the Autumn term as they used during the last academic year except for Year 4 who will return to using the KS1 playground. The drop off and pick up procedures will be the same.



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Years 1-6 drop off and pick up information

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September only

- On Thursday and Friday morning teachers will welcome their children in the playground show them where to line up and then take them to their respective classrooms.

From Monday 6th September

- From Monday 6th September children will walk directly to their classrooms as soon as they are dropped off at the school gates between 8:40am-8:45am. This is with the exception of Years 3 and 4 as the children are too young to walk up the stairs without an adult, they will continue to line up on the KS1 playground. (The current system of children not playing before entering school has led to a calmer start in classes in the mornings and so this is something that we will retain as we move into the Autumn term.) School lessons will start at 8:45am by which time all children in Nursery through to Year 6 will need to be in school. The gates will close at 8:50am.
- Please ensure that children arrive to school on time as lateness results in children missing essential parts of their first lesson.**
- At the drop off in the morning, parents of children in Years 1-6 will drop their child and then leave the premises as soon as possible so that we do not have large groups of adults congregating. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will oversee this process. At the pick-up time, parents of children in Years N-6 will need to come onto the specified playground and/or outside area so that children can be dismissed safely. This will also give an opportunity for our parent community to catch up with each other.
- To ease congestion around the school, please commit to parking further away or walking to school when dropping off or picking up children.
- If parents are comfortable with the idea, older children in Years 5 and 6 are able to walk to school by themselves to ease congestion and allow for a more efficient drop off and pick up process. An online form will be sent home in early September to allow parents to give permission for this to happen if they so wish.
- The school gates at each drop off and pick up point will be open from 8:35-8:50am in the morning and 3:10 to 3:30pm in the afternoon. Please do not bring scooters or bikes onto the playground at drop off or pick up time.
- Masks** – with the continued uncertainty surrounding the Delta variant, we would encourage parents to wear masks when entering the playground to pick up their children.
- Breakfast Club** – We can confirm that Breakfast Club will be in operation from 7.45am – 8.45am from Thursday 2nd September. The latest entrance time into breakfast club is 8.25am.

During the school day

- Children will no longer need to stay in class bubbles and therefore will have greater opportunity to mix with other children of other classes at points during the school day.
- We have decided to retain the idea of separate playtimes for Years 1 and 2, Year 3, Year 4, Years 5 and Year 6. This was very successful last year and gave the children more space to play in. The children also requested that it remains this way.
- During lunchtime, children will not have to stay within class bubbles and will have more opportunity to mix with other children in their year group.
- Within the classroom it is impossible for the children to socially distance. Children in Nursery and Reception will follow the EYFS framework and therefore will not be sitting at desks. In Years 1-6 children will be in grouped desks once again to better enable discussion.
- Children will continue to wash their hands and or sanitise on a regular basis throughout the school day.



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If your child shows symptoms of Covid-19:

- If a pupil has anyone within their household that has [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), they should not attend school. They should self-isolate immediately and [arrange to have a PCR test](#).
- Following Government guidelines, if a child shows symptoms of Covid-19 in school, you will need to collect them immediately and again the family should arrange to have a test.
- Pupils who test positive for COVID 19 should self-isolate for **10 days**. Due to new legislation that took effect from Monday 16th August, siblings will not need to self-isolate for 10 days but take a PCR test instead to establish that they are negative.

Quarantine

- If you are in quarantine due to returning from a country that is not on the Government list of quarantine free countries, then do not send your child into school. Please inform the school to confirm when the quarantine period ends. We will ensure that home learning for your child will be made available for the quarantine period.

School uniform

- Children will wear full school uniform. This includes wearing black footwear, brightly coloured trainers will not be permitted. Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named.
- Uniform can be ordered from the school office and most supermarkets sell the white polo shirts, grey or black trousers, shorts, skirts and dresses.

We hope that you have all had a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Kind Regards

Mr Carroll
Principal