



September Opening

Dear Parents,

We have spent the past few days reviewing and implementing the Government guidance given to schools regarding the whole school re-opening in September and would like to take the opportunity to confirm a number of things with you.

Firstly, from Wednesday 2nd September the Government feels that the risk from Covid-19 is diminished enough to make school compulsory for all children from Reception to Year 6. The school has put in place a number of measures as set out by the Government, the school risk assessment and Government guidance can be found on the school website under the News and Events tab - Coronavirus.

Children will be taught in their normal classes and each Key Stage, EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 will be defined as bubbles. Children in different bubbles will not be allowed to mix and lunch and break times will be staggered. Will we be insisting on frequent handwashing and will be operating flexible arrival and collection times.

Arrival can be any time between 8:40am and 9:00am with collection any time between 3:05pm and 3:20pm, this is to ensure that we reduce congestion on the playground and surrounding roads and thus maximise the potential for social distancing. This will require co-operation from families by ensuring that people do their best to avoid busy times and ensure that only 1 adult per family is present in the school grounds. Children will be dropped off and collected at their classroom door and staff will be available on the first day to direct parents.

The new guidance also asks that children wear their school uniform and limit the number of items brought into school to a coat and 1 bag which contains the child's reading book, planner, water bottle and packed lunch (in a disposable bag) if necessary, PE kits must be left in school.

For the Autumn term we have also been asked to limit the number of people who enter the building and thus we are having to ask parents to leave their children at the classroom doors and where possible ring the office to speak to a member of staff, alternatively appointments can be made with staff at the end of the school day.



Prevention is the key element of the new guidance and we would ask all families to be vigilant regarding the signs and symptoms of Covid -19. If your child or any member of your family develops these symptoms then they must be immediately tested, test can be booked via the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Following a positive test, the positive person must remain absent from school for 7 days whilst all family members are asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If your child is self-isolating or has been booked for a test you must notify the school office as soon as possible. If a member of the school community tests positive then the school must notify Public Health who will advise the school on next steps. These next steps may involve a bubble of children self-isolating for 14 days. In this incident the school has a home learning plan in place to support children during these weeks.

The school is open until Friday 17th July should you have any questions or wish to purchase any new uniform for the upcoming year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Pointon

