

25<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents,

I wrote to you last in July regarding arrangements for the start of term... but now we are almost there, this is just a little catch-up about arrangements for the children's return to school. Firstly, I hope you have all had a lovely summer and that you and your whole family are fit and well and looking forward to a fresh start with us.

The Autumn term for children will start on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. We look forward to seeing them all in their school uniform and their shiny black shoes! School is statutory for all children and fines will be issued from DMBC for any non-attendance. For the first 3 days, there will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club. Breakfast Club will start on 7<sup>th</sup> September for those families who have pre-booked. (This is currently full so no further children will be allowed to attend until further restrictions are lifted).

Please ensure that your child **brings as little as possible to school with them each day –on P.E. days, please send them in dressed for outdoor P.E. (timetables will be given out during the first 3 days)**

In order to promote social distancing, the drop-off and collection of children will be as follows. If you have children in more than one year group **please use the earliest time for both children**. It is important for the safety of all children that these times are kept -so if you are late arriving you may be asked to wait until other year groups are in school:

Class	Entrance	Arrive	Collect
Year 6	Year 5/6 door	8:30am	3:00pm
Year 5	Year 5/6 door	8:40am	3:10pm
Year 4	Playground door	8:50am	3:20pm
Year 3	Playground door	9:00am	3:30pm
Year 2	Hall door	9:00am	3:30pm hall door
Year 1:	FS2 door	8:30am	3:00pm
Foundation Stage 2	FS2 door	8:40am	3:10pm
Foundation Stage 1	FS1 door	8:50am	11:50am

Please park responsibly – even during partial opening we had complaints from the residents on streets around the school that parents had parked inappropriately on yellow lines or blocking drives.

**Parents will not be allowed in school.** Access will be during these times only (except for bus children)

We only require children to bring in the following:

- Named water-bottle, which must be taken home at the end of each day to be cleaned.
- A hat/cap for protection during hot weather and coat if the weather is cooler
- Because some classroom resources are usually shared ...such as PVA glue, it would benefit your child to bring in their own glue-stick and colouring pencils from home and leave them in school. Individual packs of pencils, rubbers, rulers and pens if appropriate will be provided by school.
- Any packed lunches from home to be in disposable bags or foil. Do not send lunchboxes. The school kitchen will be open with the usual selection of high-quality meals and sandwiches. Please pay on Parent Pay.

During the first half-term our plan is to focus on your child's emotional health & wellbeing; while providing formal Catch-Up teaching of the core curriculum, aiming to prepare children for the next stage in their learning journey. We will do our best to keep you informed of school-life and what we are doing to keep the children safe. The measures we have planned so far include:-

- Children being in class 'bubbles' and not mixing with those from other classes.
- Except in Foundation Stage, desks will be arranged in rows so that children are not spending long periods of time facing others. The expectation is that children will sit at a given desk when in the classroom and not move freely around the room.
- Regular cleaning of all surfaces and equipment during the school day will occur. We have a fogging machine which will be used frequently to ensure the classrooms can be disinfected within minutes
- Children will be issued with personal stationery packs to be kept on their desks.
- A one-way system, in and around school, in support of social distancing will be operational.
- Staggered break and lunch-times will be reinforcing segregation of year groups.
- Lunch will be served in the classroom
- Hand-gel and handwashing will be heavily promoted throughout the day.
- All classes will use the toilets nearest to their room individually for privacy, as well as social distancing. All toilets will be unisex.

We are asking all parents/carers to ensure:

- Children remain at home if they, or a family member, are displaying symptoms of this virus, or if a family member is shielding. **Please arrange testing and inform school as soon as possible.**
- They talk to children about handwashing, using tissues and avoiding contact with others.
- They talk to children about not hugging other children or adults in school.

Ours is a lovely, village school community and I am so proud to be in a position to welcome the children back. We can't wait to have a school filled with children's voices and laughter again. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by phone on 01302 840448 or by email or School Coms –there will be no access to the school office without an appointment. With thanks for your support and understanding at this time.

See you again soon!!!!

Yours faithfully