



11 September 2020

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Welcome back to school

It has been fantastic to see all the children back to school this week. They have settled in superbly and taken to all of the changes so well, we are very proud of them. The teaching staff are taking time to get to know their new classes and understand where each child's learning levels are, so that we can best help them moving forward.

COVID-19 Reminders

COVID-19 is here to stay for the foreseeable future so we will need to continue working together to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents whilst on our premises. Thank you to all the parents for following the plans and guidance and for all your support in helping to make this work. We appreciate there are inconveniences involved but we hope you understand that all measures are intended to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible.

We have reviewed arrangements in light of our first week back. There are no changes to the plans but we do have some areas we wish to remind parents about and clarify any areas you may be unsure about.

Pick up and collection

No parents should be going onto or round to the Junior playground in the morning, if you are dropping off a sibling in KS1, please can your KS2 child walk round the side of the hall by themselves. Please do not use the path right next to the hall at the end of the day.

If Reception children do not have a sibling please do not arrive before 9am, as the Year 1 parents will be using the 'spots' at this time.

In the afternoon, if you do not have a child in Reception please do not arrive before 3.10pm, as the Reception parents will be using the 'spots' at this time.

Please keep **at least** 2m apart from others at all times, we do encourage the use of masks at pick up/drop off, to keep everyone safe.

Please do not come to the class doors or up the slopes to the classrooms. Please stand back and apart on the playgrounds to allow sufficient room for other parents to walk past safely, and for the teacher to see you clearly from the classroom. If you need to speak to a teacher, please call or email the office, or email using the class email address (see the class pages on the website for the address), please do not try to speak to the teacher/teaching assistant at the beginning or end of the day.

If you wish to give your KS2 child permission to walk home, or meet you off the school site at the end of the day, please complete the following form (if not already completed):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1Le5MybyTkOSzK0kAlrqSES-10XLF5RChzB7hsP_CotUN09KTERFQ1JNNU1XNIMwNzJUV0JQMzIGOC4u

Online payments

We are unable to accept cash at present as we are unable to bank it. Please either use your own online banking (see attached guidance), or send in a cheque. Thank you.

Clothing

Please can you ensure all clothing/coats are named, this is especially important at the current time, so that children do not take home another child's clothing/coat.

Please also send your child in with a water bottle each day.

Homework

Please see your child's class page for information about what your child has been doing this week, and any reading guidelines. We will, in future, be adding homework information here but just wanted to let you know there is no homework being set this week.

Absences

When reporting your child's absence, please can you let us know if this is due to suspected COVID symptoms, this is a different code for the register than for other illnesses.

Please also see the attached flowchart we have produced, to help you know what to do in the event of your child or a family member showing any illness. It is very important to follow the government guidelines to keep our community safe.

Please also see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Lunches

Our lunch arrangements are working well and we are grateful to Mrs Matthews, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Gilmour in the kitchen for their hard work in making sure the children are getting lovely tasty lunches each day. They have even been offering extra dessert options (Mrs Bruce and Mrs Copsey can vouch for the cherry muffins, they were absolutely scrumptious!).

The lunch menu is available on the school website, and is £2.30 per day. Please make any payments online or by cheque.



Reception and Key Stage 1 fruit returns!

The government have started delivering the free fruit for Reception and Key Stage 1 earlier than planned, so there will be no need to send your Year R, 1 or 2 child in with a breaktime snack from next week.

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