

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Dear Parents,

### **Return to school next week**

I trust you have enjoyed the spells of fantastic weather we have experienced in the last 6 weeks.

With the exception of our new Year R who have different arrangements in place, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in a full time capacity. Staff have spent considerable time preparing, taking account of DFE guidance ensuring that the school is both as safe as possible but also recognising the need for children to be educated from day 1.

Ensuring the school is as safe as possible for everyone is essential and therefore the measures listed below are in place:

- Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. In the event of absence, please inform the school office as soon as possible.
- clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach
- minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

In every case and when relevant, the school will also:

- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
- contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Here are a few reminders from the letter issued before the summer break:

#### **The school day:**

As you will be aware from an e-mail issued just before the end of term, from 7.45am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, breakfast club will be reintroduced and will continue to take place in the Garden Room. The gate will be locked as usual at 8am. The cost will be £4.00 per day per child. We currently believe that from the responses we have received, we can accommodate all the families requesting a place.

We are encouraged to have staggered start and finish times and so the procedure will be as follows:

8.40am	Pippin Class
8.45am	Bramley
8.50am	Discovery

Russet class can arrive from 8.55 – 9.15 so that there's more time for the children to settle in alongside their parents.

Please ensure that only 1 adult from each family comes on to the school site. Children should go directly to their classrooms. Parents are not allowed in the school building. The one way system will remain in place with families entering the site through the usual gate and then leave by the gate next to Pippin Class. Classrooms will have been adapted in order to accommodate all the pupils. Children will be sitting in rows, facing the front.

To ensure that every class has the same amount of time on the school site and so no curriculum time is lost, the following collection times will be in place:

3.00pm Pippin Class

3.05pm Bramley

3.10pm Discovery

Russet class can be collected at 3.15pm.

Families with children in more than 1 class, will be able to arrive and collect from school at the time of your eldest child.

For term 1, no lunchtime or after school clubs will be offered.

### **Lunchtimes**

Lunchtimes will continue to be 1 hour. Hot lunches will be available. All KS1 pupils will be eating at 12.00pm and all Key-Stage 2 at 12.35pm. The hall will be sanitised between sittings. The cost of Key-Stage 2 hot lunches will be £2.40.

### **Belongings**

Key-Stage 2 children are able to bring some personal belongings to school including a pencil case. Coats and bags can be brought to and from school. We will be encouraging pupils to leave their other belongings at school as much as possible.

### **Uniform**

All pupils should be in full school uniform. From week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September, PE lessons will be delivered and we are asking that on the days when PE is timetabled for your child's class, that PE kits are worn into school thus avoiding the need to change. We will inform you via Parentmail of PE lessons towards the end of next week.

The government have issued information which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Finally... staffing. After 24 years association with the school either as a parent or a member of staff, Mrs Stewart has decided the time is right for a new challenge and has therefore left her Teaching Assistant post. I would like to thank her for all that she has given to the school especially her huge enthusiasm for cookery and teaching the pupils such important life skills. We will be marking her time with us in due course.

I am sure there will be plenty of other issues to consider in the days and weeks ahead but in the meantime, the staff and I are very much looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ryan