



The 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 1: Friday 28th August 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you have all managed to have some quality time together during the holidays. All staff are really excited to be welcoming all children back to school. We are relieved that Government guidelines have not changed for primary schools since publishing our risk assessment. Therefore, we are able to reassure you that all measures are in place for a safe return. Of course, we do need your cooperation in ensuring that the plans we have put in place are effective. We appreciate everybody recognising that we are all in this together.

Dates for your Diary.

Tuesday 1st September- Staff INSET

Wed 2nd September

Whole School returns Yr 1-6
The right decision is to send your child back to school.
Please have confidence in us that we really want your child to be safe too.

Reception begin Monday 7th September

Please do not send your child with PE kit on the first day. We want to get the children settled first without them worrying about excess baggage.

The risk assessment specifies that PE will be outside. It will begin the week beginning Monday 7th September.

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear. (Yr1-6)

Spots are in the playground so that we can welcome you into the playground to drop off and pick up your child. Your child's name will be chalked on a nominated spot. We feel this is much better than not allowing parents into the playground or staggering start and finish times. We recognise most parents would be inconvenienced by either of these strategies. This system depends on everybody playing their part. Please do not allow toddlers or school pupils to move from their spot. The spots are 1 metre apart. If parents feel more protected wearing a face mask at this time you are welcome although this is not compulsory. Children are not required to wear a face mask. There are sufficient strategies implemented in school set out in our risk assessment. Please view this on the website. If it is raining children will go straight into their own classrooms.

If your child shows signs of being unwell with a temperature of 37.8+, a cough or loss of taste and smell, please do not send them to school.

Anyone who experiences any coronavirus symptoms can access a test at a testing site or at home using the online booking portal.

As a school, we also have received a small amount of home test kits. These will be used in an emergency to ensure that there is no barrier to a test being carried out.

We will be teaching children in school in their class of 30. A few sessions each week will be using National Oak Academy online resources. This is to support 'blended learning.' This means if pupils are not able to come to school because they are shielding or we are instructed to lockdown, they have the knowledge to continue their learning from home because they know how to access this website.

September Arrangements

Entry to school

Please:

- Come to school just before 9am.
- Bring your book bag, pencil case, water bottle and packed lunch. The school will provide a packed lunch to KS1 children and FSM children on request. They will be asked at registration whether they require one that day.
- No toys should be brought into school.
- Enter school through the correct entrance.
Reception/Year 1/2 – KS1 entrance
Year 3/4 - KS2 entrance
Year 5/6- Main school carpark entrance - Children go to field. No adults.
- Only 1 parent with each child.
- Keep pre-school siblings at home if at all possible.
- Find your allocated yellow spot and stay on it.
Reception- Reception outdoor area
Year 1/2 – Key Stage 1 playground
Year 3/4 - Key Stage 2
Year 5/6 – School Field on running track
- Do not allow children to run, play or cycle away from your spot.
- When the bell rings remain on your spot until your teacher calls your name.

During the day the children will predominantly be kept in bubbles of 30. There will be no assemblies and the dining hall will not be used. At break and lunchtimes the children will play in Key Stage bubbles.

- 10.40-11am - Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have break on Key Stage 1 playground.
- 10.25-10.40am - Year 3 and 4 will have break on the Key Stage 2 playground.
- 10.40-11am - Year 5 and 6 will have break on the Key Stage 2 playground
- 12-1pm - Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have lunch in their classrooms and play on Key Stage 1 playground.
- 12-12.45pm - Year 3 and 4 will have lunch in their classrooms and play on the Key Stage 2 playground.
- 12.45-1.30pm - Year 5 and 6 will have lunch in their classrooms and play on the Key Stage 2 playground. Please be aware of the temporary later lunch time. This is so we can ensure children are not cross contaminated with other children from other bubbles.

At home time please stand on your allocated yellow spot. Your child will be delivered to you. Year 5/6 must wait, socially distanced by the main gate. If children are meeting their parent in another bubble they must walk around the playground sensibly, avoiding crossing the bubble unnecessarily.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher please ring the school office and arrange for a telephone appointment. Teachers will only be available in the playground for short messages.