



Dear parents

This has definitely been a very strange year, and it feels very unlike the end of term that we are used to experiencing. Teachers have been working throughout the lockdown period, a very small minority of children have been in school every day and we have been delighted to welcome more children back from 15<sup>th</sup> June. We are now planning for opening to all children in September. The first day back for children will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

The work sharing email address will be suspended as of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, as will the urgent contact email address. The school office will be shut for the summer holiday which means the text messaging service will also close until we return to school in September. There will be no expectation for children to complete work set by us over the six week break, as obviously the teachers will be on holiday, but of course you can (and should) continue to try to keep the children's brains active so they are ready for September. Local libraries are doing their summer reading challenge online, and we would encourage as many children as possible to get involved with that.

Normally, the children would have opportunities to meet their new teacher and visit their new classrooms. As this has been impossible this year, we intend to use the first two days back in school (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September) for children to return to the class and the teacher they left in March. The week after, (wc 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.) they will spend the morning with their old teacher, but they will then spend the afternoon meeting their new teacher in their new classes. The week after that (14<sup>th</sup> Sept.) they will transition to their new class full time and will start the recovery curriculum for the academic year. We have been fortunate to have been able to appoint some new, excellent members of staff who we know will be excellent assets to our already successful team. The teaching teams for next year will be:

Year Group	Teacher	Support Staff
N	Mr Harwood	Mrs Bieganska Mrs Raggett
R	Mrs Goddard	Mrs Tasker Miss Summers (New TA)
1	Miss Mattocks	Miss Green Miss Mitchell (New TA)
2	Mrs McGovern & Mrs Kavanagh	Mrs Miller Miss Grant
3	Miss McNally (new teacher)	Mrs Tubman
4	Mrs Roston	Mrs Petrucci
5	Mrs Torley	Mr Whelan Mrs Fisher
6	Mr Kitching & Miss Finn	Mrs Cooney



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We are very conscious about our new Reception children, and our new nursery children, so a separate letter will be going out to those parents to inform them of the transition arrangements for the youngest children in the school. We will do everything we can to make it as smooth and as settling for them as we can, given the constraints we will be still be working in.

In September, there will be changes made to the way children arrive and leave school. This is to ensure that everybody in the school community is as safe as possible. Please ensure that you are familiar with all the changes below and if there are any questions or concerns feel free to contact us.

- We will be using a staggered start to reduce congestion around the school gate and pedestrian traffic on the school site. Please ensure your children are on time for their allocated slot so that it runs smoothly.
  - **KS2 (years 3,4,5,6)** 8:40 – 8:50
  - **KS1 (Year 1,2)** 8:50-9:00
  - **EYFS (Year N and Year R)** 9:00 – 9:10
  
- A one-way system will be in place. Enter the gate as usual, but after you have dropped your child/ children off, continue around the school and leave via the side gate next to Nursery. Staff will be placed around the school site to help direct you.
- If your child is in KS2, we request that you leave him/her at the gate to enter the school site on their own. This is to reduce pedestrian traffic and to allow a smooth transition in to their classrooms. There will be a member of staff on both gates at all times to ensure that children dropped off go straight to their classrooms.
- Parents with children in both KS1 and KS2 can drop children off at the same time.
- If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school via e-mail or telephone where a message can be passed on to the teacher or a meeting arranged if necessary.
- It is important, at all times, that a 1-metre + gap is in place between different households and there will be a reminder played on the school sound system during arrival and departure times.
- School will finish as normal at 3:15pm Monday to Thursday and at 2.00 on a Friday. We will have a slightly staggered end to the day, like we are planning for the morning. Please ensure your children are on time for their allocated slot so that collection runs smoothly. Children will be lined up on the playground with their class teacher for you to collect. Once you have picked up your child/ children, please continue around the one-way system.
  - **KS2: 3.00 – 3.05**
  - **KS1: 3.05 – 3.10**
  - **EYFS: 3.10 – 3.15**
  
- On a Friday, collection times will be:
  - **KS2: 1.45 – 1.50**
  - **KS1: 1.50 – 1.55**
  - **EYFS: 1.55 – 2.00**

Please may I take this opportunity to thank those parents who have worked diligently throughout lockdown to support their children with the home learning. We can't thank you enough, and your children will definitely thank you for it when they return in September too.

We do hope you all have a wonderful summer with your children. Please do continue to follow the government advice so that we can continue to keep the virus at bay. If we all 'do our bit', hopefully life will become more and more like it used to be. We will continue with our creative afternoons on Friday, and school will resume its 2.00pm for the children every Friday.

We can't wait to have a full school again and to welcome all of the children back. Year 6 – we wish you the very best of luck in your new schools. We know you will continue to be amazing!

God bless,

Mrs Keri Baylis