

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the summer. I do hope that we have some sunshine!

Firstly, I want to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given to school during these last few months. You have been incredibly understanding about the challenges we have all faced and done a brilliant job in supporting your children with their home learning. I know this must have been really difficult at times but, as usual, you have continued to be committed and engaged in your child's education. We are so grateful and are really looking forward to seeing all our families in September.

Staffing

We will say goodbye to Miss Potter at the end of next week. She has been a lovely teacher in class 4 and will be much missed by pupils, staff and parents. We wish her lots of luck in her new job as she moves onto a new leadership position. From September Mrs Higson, who has previously taught in year 2 and 3, will be teaching class 4.

We also welcome Mrs Brogan who will be covering Mrs Tull's maternity leave and will be teaching groups of children from KS1 and 2.

We welcome Mrs Woodward, who will be working as a teaching assistant in our new Rainbow Classroom (set up in the community room) and Miss Smith, (to be known as Miss Hannah) who will be working in reception as a nursery nurse. Teachers in each class are as follows:

Nursery	Mrs Gray	
Reception	Mrs Smith	
Class 1	Mrs Fletcher	Mrs Brogan (Support teacher)
Class 2	Mrs Smallwood and Mrs Barton	
Class 3	Ms Burrows and Mrs Pollard	Mrs Brady (Support teacher)
Class 4	Miss Higson	
Class 5	Mrs Vickers and Mrs Readman	
Class 6	Mr Robertson	Mrs Wilkinson (Support teacher)

Returning to school in September

I know that you will all be wondering what will happen in September following the government's announcement that ALL children will be returning to school. This letter explains what our plan is so please take the time to read it carefully and understand it.

1. **Keeping everyone safe** – Our priority is to make the school environment as clean and safe as possible. It will be cleaned throughout the day and after school every day.
2. **Children will start and finish at different times** so that we have less pupils in the playground and cloakrooms.
3. **Classes will have breaks and lunchtimes at different times** so we can spread them out in the playground and hall.
4. **Children will use hand sanitiser** as they come into school and will wash their hands and use sanitiser throughout the day.
5. **Regular cleaning during the day** and after break times, toilets, door handles and tables will be wiped down.
6. **Each child will have their own pencil case and equipment** provided by school so that they do not share resources.
7. **Reading books** will be sent home and when returned will be put safely away before being put back on the book shelves.
8. **At playtimes and lunchtimes** each class will have their own set of toys to play with so they are not shared with other classes.
9. **There will be no breakfast club** to start with and we will let you know when we are able to provide this. This is because it mixes children from all the different classes.
10. **There will be no after school clubs** to start with but we will let you know when we can start these.

11. **Children will be given a snack at break time each day .**
12. **Dinner Money.** We need to limit the amount of cash handling so we ask that you send the correct dinner money to school with your child in an envelope with their name on. **We will not be able to accept dinner money payments at the office like before.**
13. **Key stage two classes will have desks in rows** so children are all facing the same way.
14. **Uniform and pumps** – Children should wear uniform and pumps from the first day back **BUT** if you have not got uniform they can wear their own clothes for the first week. We will sell uniform in the school hall as follows:
 - **Reception – Monday 7th September** when you attend the new parents meeting
 - **Year 1 and 2 –Tuesday 8th September**
 - **Year 3 and 4 –Wednesday 9th September**
 - **Year 5 and 6 –Thursday 10th September**

We expect all children to be wearing uniform and pumps by the 14th September.

Anybody who is ill or has somebody in their house who has symptoms must stay at home.

Start and Finish times

School will be open for **years 1 -6 from Tuesday 8th September.**

We have spaced out the start and finish of the day so that children are spread out safely. We will ensure that all the usual teaching time is allocated to each class but we will not be able to have full school assemblies or singing. Lunchtimes have also been reduced to minimise contact between the classes. Children on school lunches will receive a packed lunch for the first week or two which they will be able to eat outside so that they are spread out.

Class	Arrive	Break	Lunch	Break	Finish
6	8.35	10.15-10.30	12.35-1.20	N/A	2.30
5	8.35	10.15-10.30	12.35-1.20	N/A	2.30
4	8.45	10.30-10.45	12.30-1.15	N/A	2.40
3	8.45	10.30-10.45	12.30-1.15	N/A	2.40
2	8.45	10.45-11.00	11.45-12.30	2.00-2.15	2.50
1	8.55	10.45-11.00	11.45-12.30	2.00-2.15	2.50
Rec	9.00	10.45-11.00	11.40-12.25 (Eating in the hall)	2.00-2.15	2.50
Nursery	Morning session 8.45 – 11.30 Afternoon session 12pm- 2.45				11.30 2.45

I realise that many of you have children who are in different classes and so I would ask that you come to school ready to send your child to their class from the playground when it is their turn. It is also important that when you are picking up you **collect the children on time**, making sure you are here for the child who is finishing first and then waiting for the others in the playground.

Please maintain social distancing while you are waiting and make sure your children stay with you and don't mix with other classes.

Please be assured that although the day looks shorter, the children will not miss out on any teaching time. We hope to return to our normal school timetable as soon as possible.

Parents will not be able to come into school unless it is absolutely necessary. Please phone or email instead.

I am sure that we will all get into the new routine quickly and myself and all the staff are really looking forward to welcoming you all back into school in September.

Warmest wishes

Mrs E. J. Holliday