

September Return to School updates

3/9/2020 update

Thank you so much for your continued support when following our guidance this morning. The children have settled well and have been asking lots of questions during their reintroduction to school. We've been answering what we can and the children have moved back into routine quickly and confidently. It's been great to see them all back!

We debriefed on our guidance this morning and we've made some minor adjustments. **None of these require you to change what you do** but they might be good to know.

We've taken down the partitioning in the FS and KS1 gardens. These were supposed to help with people flow but in the event they caused a potential bottleneck instead.

Sanitising hands- the new outdoor sanitizers caused some unnecessary queuing, if it's not possible for your child to use one outside, each class has a lot of sanitiser products inside which can be used as soon as they walk in.

Just to note, since our grounds are large there is no need to queue when walking about the site, as long as you stay socially distanced.

With this in mind, it is also ok to walk around the school building when dropping off multiple children or if you are transitioning from an exit to a drop off point, as long as you stay socially distanced.

The staff car park is allocated as a pedestrian waiting area for anyone who needs it during drop off and pick up. Please help us by retiring from the playgrounds to the car park straight after drop off.

Lunches: you have the choice to provide a packed lunch or pay for a school meal in the normal way. Hot school meals have been replaced with brunch bags (a paid for packed lunch) which children eat in their classrooms. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can continue to choose the school meal option for free under the Universal Free School Meal arrangements (along with those families who qualify for Free School Meals). For everyone else, brunch bags are payable. They are ordered as normal by your child during the morning register. The lunch menu is on the front page of the website. It will remain the same all term. Please pay for this via ParentPay in the normal way.

And finally, just to re-emphasise, tomorrow (Friday 4th Sept) is a full day at school because we were able to clear teacher PPA as part of the INSET time earlier in the week. For 3 weeks from next Friday there will be an earlier staggered end time. Please see the full 17th July guidance paragraph 54 for more information about this.

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Thanks again to everyone for your considered approach to all the current guidelines, helping us to make the new experiences positive for all the children.