

# TURNFURLONG TIMES

Wednesday 1st September 2021



I hope that you all have had a good summer holiday. We are very excited to be welcoming our new year 3 children and welcoming back our year 4,5 and 6. We have a very exciting year planned and will be cautiously moving back to a more 'normal' year.

This newsletter contains all of the information for back to school tomorrow. All year groups will start school on Thursday. We have decided to keep the 'soft start' that worked so well last year. All children will arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45 through the

playground gate and go straight to their classrooms. We will have staff ready to help them find their new classrooms, if they can't remember.

It is really important that children arrive to school on time. It can be very difficult and upsetting to arrive once lessons have already started. We know there are occasions, beyond control when children arrive late but we need to monitor this closely. Parents whose children are regularly arriving late will be contacted. The playground gate is locked after 8:45am and any children arriving after this must go via the office to sign in as late.

## Early Risers

If you would like to use our Early Risers facility, which runs from 7.45am to 8.30am, please contact Mrs Shacklock on [bursar@tjs.org.uk](mailto:bursar@tjs.org.uk) who will be able to add this club to your School Gateway Account.

Once you can see the club on your account, please book in the sessions you require under '**Clubs' first**. Then proceed to basket/payment to complete the booking and pay.

You may also top up your payment account so when you do place a booking, the amount is deducted automatically from your balance.

Year 3 parents, this facility should be up and running for you by Friday. Those who have requested a place for Thursday and Friday this week, should have been contacted by Mrs Shacklock.



## Return to School

At the end of the summer term the Government removed the need for Bubbles within schools. We are taking a cautious approach to the start of the school year and where possible, keeping the children in year groups.

As the term progresses this will be under constant review, and as soon as we feel safe to do so, we will move to year 3 and year 4 mixing and year 5 and 6 mixing. This will mean that at the start of this school year, we will have year group assemblies, year groups eating together and year groups playing together.

We will be running more clubs this year and mixing year groups within them. Registers will be kept so we can monitor closely and evaluate regularly.

We will update you when any further changes are made. You are no longer required a face mask when dropping off or collecting your child, but can still do so if you wish, please remain socially distanced.

Masks **WILL** be required if you meet with any member of staff.

## Medication

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, you will need to complete a medication form, this is available on the school [website here](#). All asthma inhalers need to be brought into school and kept in class, please ensure they are named, in date and ideally full.

If your child has more complex medical needs and you would like to discuss this, please contact the school on [office@tjs.org.uk](mailto:office@tjs.org.uk).

## School Lunches

All children must bring a packed lunch to school as we do not serve hot meals at TJS.

We are a nut-free school, so please make sure that no items within packed lunches contain nuts, this includes Nutella spread, hazelnuts etc. We have both staff and students with severe allergies and need to keep everybody safe.

## Forest School

We are excited to be launching our Forest School!



This will involve the children embracing the outdoors. Activities will educate the children about the outside environment and learn to appreciate it! More information will be provided in the autumn.

All year groups will have half a term of forest school lessons starting with Year 6 who will be starting this half term.

In order to be ready, can all children please have a pair of outdoor shoes / wellington boots and old clothes that they can change into at school.

Whatever the weather, we will be outside so be prepared! Further information will be sent out soon.

## Free School Meals

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, please ensure you have completed the FSM application form on our [website here](#).

We can provide free school meals for your child, please liaise with Mrs Shacklock on [bursar@tjs.org.uk](mailto:bursar@tjs.org.uk)

Year 3 children must bring their own packed lunches until Friday 10th September to allow us time to book your child's meal options with the caterer.

## PE

This year we will be going back to children changing for PE. Their PE kit must be brought into school this week and kept in their locker for the term. The PE timetable will be flexible this term so it is important that their kit is in school at **every day**. School uniform is to be worn every day.

Jewellery is not allowed in PE lessons for safety reasons. Earrings will need to be removed or covered with tape. If your child cannot remove their earrings please provide the tape in their bags.

For further information on school and PE uniforms, [please visit our website](#).

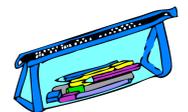
## Swimming

Year 3 will be swimming this year, 3T will swim in the autumn term, 3J is the summer term and 3S in the summer term.

We are aware that some of the year 4 children still need to complete their swimming and we will be in contact once this has been arranged.

## Pencil cases

All children will need to have a pencil case in school with the following: writing pencils, colouring pencils, a ruler, a rubber and a sharpener. Please ensure that pencil cases are not too large as they need to fit into the drawers in the classroom.



## Online Learning Platforms

For students in year 4, 5 and 6 all of their usernames and passwords should be the same. It will take a few days for the systems to recognise the change in classes, before everything is up and running correctly.

Year 3 will be set up as soon as possible and we will share all of this information with families at our New Parents meeting.

## Year 3 Parent Meetings

Year 3 parents will be invited to a face to face parents meeting on the following dates, so please make a note of these dates. We will go through the systems and processes we use, as well as logon information for your child and you will have the opportunity to ask your child's class teacher any questions you may have.

3T— Tuesday 21st September at 5pm  
3J—Monday 20th September at 5pm  
3S—Wednesday 22nd September at 5pm

We look forward to seeing you all soon!