

Dear parents,

After a very difficult and uncertain few months it has now been confirmed that there is an expectation that from September all children will return to school. Attendance will once again be measured for all children.

Below I have laid out some initial timetables as well as frequently asked questions. My aim is to show you how we have begun to prepare for our children to return to school on September 3rd. We are planning for all children to return on this date and at this stage we have not planned a phased return. We intend all children to return on the same day in a staggered way.

You will see that we have made some changes to the breakfast club and teatime club timings which I do understand may cause some difficulties for families. I hope you understand that I have put safety as my first priority and in doing so I have had to compromise our ability to deliver some of the child care you may need. We felt it was important to provide these services, but have also had to consider the management of groupings, the difficulties providing food initially and the increased requirement for cleaning of the school site.

In order to meet the safety guidelines, we have had to organise the school into 2 groups of children. These groups will have minimal contact and will be separated throughout the day. This will include separation at lunchtimes, playtimes and after school clubs. It will sometimes be possible for the two groups to be in the same space at the same time, but at these times they will be carefully separated at a 2 metre distance. It also makes it necessary to have staggered start and end times to the school day to ensure different groups have minimal contact with each other.

We intend to offer school dinners to all children as we did before the school closed to most pupils. The lunchtime routine will be carefully managed to ensure the groups are separated, but hot meal choices will be offered as they were previously. There is a new menu that we have asked you to return.

Specialist teacher will once again be able to work with our children, but will keep socially distanced. This means that our music lessons with Jamie can continue (we will be buying our own instruments to prevent the need for sharing instruments from other schools), and our outdoor education sessions will continue. We have made some changes to outdoor education for the first term in the interest of safety. Years 1 and 2 children as well as year 3 and 4 children will take part in outdoor learning each week. There is more information below in the frequently asked questions.

We will be limiting access to our school building and will require any parents needing to speak to a member of staff to book an appointment via a telephone call. This will ensure the meeting can be held in a socially distanced way at a time that does not compromise the groupings. We will still require pick-ups and drop offs from the school gate rather than the school yard. It is very unlikely that any school events that could be classed as gatherings will take place in the near future. We will be strictly limiting access to the building for the coming months and this will have an impact on the usual events and routines in our school year.

Please ensure that you drop off and pick up at the correct times. If you arrive out of these times you will need to telephone the school office and organise separate pick up/drop off. This is to ensure that the groups of children do not mix.

TIMETABLES

WEEK ONE	Group A (juniors)		Group B (infants)		New reception children	
Day	Start time	Finish time	Start time	Finish time		Other information
Monday	SCHOOL IN CLOSED					<p>Children should not bring any personal belongings to school other than a coat. If they are issued with homework or reading books they can carry these items between home and school. No other possessions will be required day to day.</p> <p>Pick up and drop off times should be prompt and families picking up should observe social distancing. Please limit the amount of adults picking your child up to just one to prevent congestion at the school gate.</p> <p>School uniform should be worn. On PE days, your child will be asked to come to school already wearing PE kit to prevent changing in school.</p>
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday	Arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. Please arrive no later than 8.55am	3.15pm Promptly (please pick up from outside of the school gate)	Arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am	3.00pm (please pick up from outside the school gate. Staff will look for you and send children to you on sight.)	Please arrive at the main reception at 9.30 am. We ask that you limit the number of adults dropping off to only two. We will take you onto the school yard so that you can say goodbyes in a socially distanced way. We will then take your child into school. We will not be able to have parents into the school building. We understand that this is not the ideal first day drop off, but we hope that we can still make sure you have the time you need to make the first day at school a warm experience for all. Pick up at 2.30pm. please come to the main reception.	
Friday	Arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. Please arrive no later than 8.55am	3.15pm Promptly (please pick up from outside of the school gate)	Arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am	3.00pm (please pick up from outside the school gate. Staff will look for you and send children to you on sight.)	Please arrive at the main reception at 9.30 am. We ask that you limit the number of adults dropping off to only two. We will take you onto the school yard so that you can say goodbyes in a socially distanced way. Pick up at 2.30pm. please come to the main reception.	

WEEK TWO	Group A (juniors)		Group B (infants including new reception)		
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Monday	Arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am	3.15pm Promptly (please pick up from outside of the school gate)	Arrive between 9.00am and 9.15am	3.00pm (please pick up from outside the school gate. Staff will look for you and send children to you on sight.)	<p>Children should not bring any personal belongings to school other than a coat. If they are issued with homework or reading books they can carry these items between home and school. No other possessions will be required day to day.</p> <p>Pick up and drop off times should be prompt and families picking up should observe social distancing. Please limit the amount of adults picking your child up to just one to prevent congestion at the school gate.</p> <p>School uniform should be worn. On PE days, your child will be asked to come to school already wearing PE kit to prevent changing in school</p>
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Questions you may have about how we will meet government guidelines when children return to school.

<p>Why is my child allocated to a group?</p>	<p>In order to minimise contact between children and adults we have created two groups. These groups will be able to work and play together, but will be kept separated from other groups in school. Within each group there is less requirement for social distancing. Staff will continue to socially distance wherever possible, but it is understood that this may not always be possible. We will be careful that resources are not shared between groups and that groups do not get within 2 metres of each other for prolonged periods of time. We have chosen to have a junior group and an infant group. This will ensure the children get to play in as normal a way as possible within their own group but will not get the opportunity to play with children in other groups. It is understood that children will pass each other briefly while walking around the school and the school site but this will be kept to minimum. By working in groups the risk of a COVID 19 case impacting on other people in the school community is limited.</p>
<p>Will my child have their usual class teacher?</p>	<p>The children will move into their new year groups with immediate effect. Therefore, Rec/ Y1 and Y2 will be in class with Miss Brackstone and supported by Miss Simon. Y3 /4 will be in class with Mrs R Gibbins, supported by Mrs O'Reilly. Y5 and 6 will work in class with Mrs Davis.</p>
<p>Will breakfast club and teatime club be available ?</p>	<p>THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST OR TEATIME CLUB FOR THE FIRST TWO DAYS (Sept 3rd and 4th) but after this time we will be providing breakfast club and teatime club care. Initially we will not be offering food and times will be limited. Breakfast club will start at 8.30 and teatime club will finish at 4 pm. While in these clubs, children from different groups will be kept separate from each other but within the same room. Resources must not be shared between the groups. In time we will extend the times and we will offer food once again, but initially we must ensure we can safely manage the children to minimise the risks to all. Staff will socially distance from children wherever possible. This is more difficult with the younger children.</p>
<p>Will school dinners be available and how will they be organised?</p>	<p>School dinners will be offered as they previously were. Hot meal options as well as sandwich choices will be available. Children will eat in the hall but at staggered times and they will eat alongside their group. There will be times when children from two different groups are in the dinner hall at the same time, but they will be on different tables and distanced. Tables will be well cleaned between groups.</p>
<p>What will the classrooms look like?</p>	<p>The children will be able to share resources and share desks next year. We have ensured all desks are facing forward and will limit the time that children sit on the carpet in a group. Within a bubble, there is less requirement for children to social distance from each other, but the teacher must try to socially distance from the children. It is accepted that this is increasingly difficult the younger the children are. While classroom may therefore look a little different, they will look very similar to how classrooms were before school closed to most pupils back in March.</p>
<p>Will outdoor education sessions still be offered?</p>	<p>Outdoor education will take place next school year. In the first term, it will be on site or around the village. This means that children will not need to be on minibuses. Y1,2,3 and 4 will each have half a day of outdoor learning each. The specific timetable for this will be issued in the new term. Please ensure your child is properly wrapped up. Even though the children are on site, they will be outdoors for the full duration of the outdoor learning session. They need to be warm and prepared for all weather conditions. Warm, waterproof outer clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting muddy are the ideal choices. Hats scarves and gloves are essential. Outdoor education takes place no matter what the weather.</p>
<p>Will my child wear uniform when they return?</p>	<p>Children should wear full school uniform next year. Red jumper/ cardigan. Black / grey trousers / shorts/ skirts, white/ red polo shirt, black school shoes (no trainers), summer gingham dresses. Full uniform information can be found on the school website.</p>

Must my child attend school?	Yes. Unless your child is officially shielding (with supporting paperwork that can be shared with school), all children are expected to return to school. The usual expectations for attendance will be back in place for September/ we will be collecting attendance data in the usual ways from September.
What will the curriculum look like?	The full curriculum will be offered to the children. The curriculum was suspended over the weeks we have been closed to most pupils and our priority became child care. We return to the usual curriculum. We will offer all subjects and will embark on a catch up programme. We will identify gaps in learning and tackle them in class and through homework. We will focus on online learning for homework to ensure all families are confident accessing and using online learning platforms. This is very important in the event that a localised lockdown required the closure of the school. Online learning would form the backbone of the learning offer we provide for families and we will ensure over the first term at school that the percentage of children accessing online increases.
How will playtimes be organised?	We will be working in 2 groups. These groups will not mix, even at playtime. We will have two zoned areas of play and each group will have an allocated zone. They will not be able to play with children in the other group. The climbing frames and play equipment will not be shared between groups without being well cleaned in between use. Each group will be able to play relatively normally with each other, they will not however be able to be within a two metre distance of the other group.
Will handwashing be encouraged for all children ?	Yes. Regular handwashing will be required for everyone in school. Hand sanitizer will be available in each class.
Will staff and children wear PPE?	We have been reassured that PPE will not be required to be worn by staff or pupils in school. Staff will only be required to wear PPE in high risk situations. This could include a time when a case of COVID 19 is suspected or if there is a high risk of transmission of bodily fluids that cannot be avoided. If a child comes to school wearing a mask, we will support them to remove it for the time they are in school and give it back to them at the end of the day for them to take home. We do understand that you may choose for them to wear face coverings in public, but we will require them to take it off for their time in the school site.
What will happen if it is suspected / or confirmed that an adult or child in school has symptoms of COVID 19?	If a member of a group reports symptoms in line with those of COVID 19, the whole group will be informed. It may result in the whole group, including their adult lead, being asked to go home. As testing is now available for staff and pupils, we would require you to take your child to be tested and keep us informed of the outcome. If you / or school suspect that your child is unwell we will follow the most up to date advice at that time to ensure they are tested and the information shared with us to ensure the wellbeing of everyone in school. The children are organised into fixed groups to ensure that a case of COVID 19 can be well managed and contact with children/staff in school is well traced. This reduces transmission as it prevents transition between groups.