

## Information for parents: Autumn 2020

Following DfE guidance, this is key information to support the school opening to all year groups in September 2020. This may be changed, subject to DfE guidance, at any stage. Listed below are expectations of parents to ensure the safety of everyone in the school community (and their peace of mind):

- **No one to come on site if they or their household have any symptoms of coronavirus, within the last 14 days** (unless negative test for COVID):
  - Persistent cough
  - Temperature /fever
  - Sore throat
  - Cold-like symptoms
  - Shortness of breath
  - Loss of the sense of smell or taste
- **If uncertain, please speak with school before arrival on site (01730 825388):**

***'If in doubt, don't come out!'***

- Anyone who has had symptoms should have a test: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Masks continue not to be recommended in the primary setting – the risks of children handling them and spreading virus is greater than protection they offer to others

School requests:

- Parents to avoid coming into the school building
- Books come into school in clearly labelled book bags – NO key rings or decorations
- Children to wash their hands before and after reading school books (at home and school)
- Lunch boxes – clearly labelled and washed daily at home
- Sturdy, simple, labelled water bottle to remain in school (washed on arrival)
- Please give teachers only essential information at drop off/pick up, to avoid queues. If possible, email/call the school office with information about your child instead
- Only send soap if your child has a *confirmed diagnosis* of eczema or dermatitis (email the school in advance)
- Regularly wash children's uniform to avoid cross-contamination – best if taken off immediately on return home
- Children to wear PE kit and school sweatshirt/cardigan on PE days
- Only one parent on school site to drop off/pick up children
- Arrival times at school, as listed below. With the window of time on offer, we hope that this is sufficient to avoid bottle necks or large groups. Year 5 and 6 are expected to walk on and off the site alone (please see guidance below) – **please avoid early drop offs**
- Departure times will be staggered (see below). **Please maintain social distancing**
- **Children and adults to leave school site rapidly** and not to use outside areas or play equipment – we would be grateful not to have to remind you of this
- Please do not send sanitiser with your child – we have plenty of disinfectant, detergent and soap. The latter is regarded as more effective than sanitiser. We also wish to avoid the risk of ingestion by younger pupils

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Drop off/ pick up timetable, including locations:

	Groups	Arrival	Departure	Usual PE days
Rother Via front drive and left-hand side of school building	Didling	8.35-8.45am	2.45-2.55pm (only one parent on site)	Wednesday Thursday
	Quebec	8.45-8.55 am	2.55-3.05pm (only one parent on site)	
Warren	All	8.30-8.45 am	3.00-3.05pm (only one parent on site)	Monday Wednesday
Downlands	All	8.30-8.45 am	3.00-3.05pm (only one parent on site)	Monday Wednesday
Torberry	All	8.30-8.45 am	3.05-3.10pm (only one parent on site)	Wednesday Thursday
Beacon	All	8.30-8.45 am	3.05-3.10pm <b>(y5 parents wait at car- park gate)</b> <b>(y6 pupils to walk off site on own)</b>	Tuesday Wednesday

Your child needs to know that:

- They will be asked to wash their hands regularly as well as before and after school at home
- They will be taught in class groups
- The playground will be zoned so that each class plays in a specific area
- There is a one-way system around the school
- They may (or may not) eat lunch in the hall or in their classroom
- We will be asking children to be as independent as possible
- We will be washing toys and equipment often so they may be asked to help, after they have used them (we have plenty of soap and water and they can wash hands at the same time!)
- They will be expected to follow good respiratory hygiene (follow the 'catch it, bin it' rules)
- Things will be different. This is a silly song that may be helpful for those new to school or just returning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZvtoVrykb8>

(this has come from NZ in preparation for children returning to school there)

Thank you for adhering to this rather long list of rules. The children, who have been in, have generally been really great at trying to socially distance and have washed hands regularly. We really appreciate the support we have had from parents too.

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