

14th July 2020

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to give you a final update on the plans for school reopening in September. The government released guidance for the full opening of schools in September subject to any re-emergence of the virus. These details are available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

As has been the case this term, I have written a detailed risk assessment following the government's guidance to reopen safely in September for all pupils in all year groups. In order to reopen in line with the guidance we are having to stagger start and finishing times and make other changes to the way we work. I have written and attached a detailed FAQ document which I hope answers many of the questions you may have around school reopening.

It is important to note that the current expectation is that **'all children will be legally required to attend school in September unless they have a signed doctors note explicitly stating that their child should not be attending school.'** The children's first day back is Wednesday 2nd September.

The new start times for the day will be:

Year group	Start time	Finish time
R	8.45	3.00
1	8.35	2.50
2	8.55	3.10
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.35	2.50
5	8.45	3.00
6	8.45	3.00

Please try to arrive as close to the times as possible to ensure everyone's safety and to make sure your child is not missing learning time. Lessons will begin within 5 minutes of their indicated start time. If you have children starting at different times you should drop off at the earlier time and we will accept siblings at that earlier time.

At the end of the day please wait on the playground distancing from other parents and your child will be sent to you. **Please be prompt in leaving the playground and do not stop to chat or allow children to play on the playground.**

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and the hall will not be used for PE or at lunchtimes. This will prevent classes mixing together. In line with guidance, children will be sat in rows facing the front of their classroom and pupils will have their own stationery. As before however, we acknowledge that social distancing amongst our youngest pupils is not possible through a whole school day.

What does my child need to bring to school?

We will only be using the pegs in the classroom for PE bags, everything else your child brings to school will need to be kept at their desk. For this reason, please send them with a backpack containing:

- Their own water bottle (we cannot lend cups and bottles)

- A packed lunch (if they are not having a school dinner)
- A snack (fruit or vegetable) to eat in the morning as some children will eat lunch a little later than normal
- Sunhat and raincoat – we anticipate being outside more than normal

Thank you to those of you who completed our survey recently on planning in the event of a second lockdown. We are grateful for the supportive comments and are seeking to take on board constructive feedback wherever we can. Once again, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the school and your children during these unusual times. I truly hope you are able to enjoy your summer break, whatever that may look like this year.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Many thanks,

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