

**1 July 2020**

Dear Families,

I hope you are all safe and well.

Some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are now in school on a part time basis. We are delighted at how well the children have settled into school and our systems are working well.

We are awaiting further guidance from the Government so that we can plan what school will look like in September 2020. We will issue a letter as soon as we have this information regarding logistics for school in September e.g. staggered start times, lunchtimes and pick up times.

### **Parent consultations**

Telephone parent consultations started last week. Thank you for all of your positive feedback during this unprecedented time.

### **Uniform**

Thank you for your responses to our uniform consultation last term. The school office will email all parents a copy of the gender neutral uniform policy recently approved by Governors. We understand that many families will still have navy uniform in good condition therefore, we are allowing a period of transition specific to what families need. Girls can continue wearing navy skirts, trousers and pinafores until their supply runs out or they need to purchase new uniform. We do not want any family to incur an additional cost or discard any uniform that is still in good condition. Thank you for your support with this.

Currently, children in school are not wearing a tie as this cannot be cleaned daily. This will continue to be the case until further notice. Children are also currently wearing trainers in school as they are not getting changed for PE. This still may be the case in September and I won't be able to confirm this until the Government gives us further information. You may want to delay purchasing new school shoes until I can update you on the situation.

### **Moving up and meeting new teachers**

We have all missed the children dearly and we would like the opportunity to see all of our children if possible before we break up for the summer in July. We are offering every year group the opportunity to come on the school field and meet their new teacher. Social distancing will be in place so that our staff can continue in their key worker or teaching bubbles. Following advice from the Local Authority, we cannot have the whole class at one time as this could be classed as a mass gathering.

Each year group (in 2 groups) will have time allocated when they can come and be dropped off at the school field and say goodbye to their current teacher and meet their new class teacher. The children can bring some snacks and a drink. Only one parent / carer can drop off each child. We hope they will be able to attend and catch up with their class friends and say goodbye to their current teacher. The children will be seated on the field following social distancing rules (your child can wear their uniform but please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that day as they will not be allowed in the school building and will be on the field).

**If your child is in a key worker bubble they will be allowed to join the session as they will be following social distancing.**

When your child arrives at school, we ask they **return all of the home reading / library books** that they have had over the last 3 months. These will be placed in storage so they can be reallocated in September.

When your child leaves the field they can also collect all of their school books which have been bagged up. Please leave the recommended time before you open the books to ensure it is virus free.

We do ask that parents adhere to social distancing rules at the time of dropping off and collecting children. Please do not gather or congregate in the school car park.

Current year group	Allocated group (will be sent by text/ email)	Current teacher	Meeting new teacher	Time and date on school field
Nursery Mon, Tue, Wed am group	Group 1	Ms Owens	Miss Micklethwaite	9.15am – 10.00am Friday 10 July
Nursery Wed pm, Thur and Fri group	Group 2	Ms Owens	Miss Micklethwaite	1.15pm – 2.00pm Friday 10 July
Reception class	Group 1	Miss Elsdon	Miss Williamson	9.15am - 10.00am Thursday 9 July
Reception class	Group 2	Miss Elsdon	Miss Williamson	1.15pm – 2.00pm Thursday 9 July
Year 1	Children not currently in school	Mrs Bickle and Mrs Damti	Mrs Damti	10.00am – 10.45am Tuesday 7 July
Year 2	Group 1	Miss Kane	Miss Bell	9.15am – 10.00am Monday 6 July
Year 2	Group 2	Miss Kane	Miss Bell	1.15pm – 2.00pm Monday 6 July
Year 3	Group 1	Miss Bell	Miss Thomas	9.15am - 10.00am Tuesday 7 July
Year 3	Group 2	Miss Bell	Miss Thomas	1.15pm – 2.00pm Tuesday 7 July
Year 4	Group 1	Miss Thomas	Mrs Kelly	9.15am – 10.00am Wednesday 8 July
Year 4	Group 2	Miss Thomas	Mrs Kelly	1.15pm – 2.00pm Wednesday 8 July
Year 5	Group 1	Miss Farrar	Mrs Binney	9.15am – 10.00am Tuesday 14 July
Year 5	Group 2	Miss Farrar	Mrs Binney	1.15pm – 2.00pm Tuesday 14 July
Year 6	Children not currently in school	Mrs Binney	NA	1.15pm – 2.00pm Thursday 16 July

**A text or email will be sent to inform you which group your child is in.**

### **Nursery and Year 6 Leavers**

We wish all of our Nursery children and Year 6 children luck when they move on to their next school in September. We have tried to plan a leaving event for those year groups however, Local Authority guidance has stated this would be classed as a mass gathering (over 30 people) and we have been advised not to go ahead with this. I am sure all of the children leaving us will thrive and we wish them all the luck in the world as they embark on their next part of their learning journey.

### **17 July 2020**

School will only be open to children of key workers on this day. Year 6 will have their last day on Thursday 16 July 2020.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work and commitment to the children during the last few months. I would also like to thank all of the families for the kind words and support we have received. It has been very much appreciated by all of the staff.

*Nealings*

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