

# Steam Mills Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was wonderful to see the children returning on Friday, well rested and eager return to their classes and enjoying the first day of the school year settling into a new class.

## Drop and Go

Thank you to the parents who use the "Drop and Go" service in the main car park behind the school. Mrs Dickinson will be on duty each morning to help the children out of cars and to direct them through the playground to their classes. Please adhere to the one way system and exit the car park via the track behind the Bowling Club. We are hoping this will alleviate some of the issues with parking at school in the mornings.

## Rags to Riches

Just to remind you that there is a Rags to Riches collection booked for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Many thanks.

## Swimming

Class 3 will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September in the afternoon for terms 1&2. We are still awaiting a couple of slips to be returned, Miss Agg would have sent you an email with another copy of the letter or you can collect another copy from the office. Thank you.

## Reminder of Government Guidance for this term

Following the Government's announcements about Covid rules in schools, here is a summary of the main points for you:

From September:

- Bubbles will no longer be required for lesson time or lunchtimes
- Assemblies can resume-we will be starting with key stage assemblies
- Schools will no longer be responsible for track and trace in the event of a positive case
- A whole class will no longer be required to close and isolate if in close contact with a positive case at school. All close contacts (identified by NHS Track and Trace) will be encouraged to take PCR test
- Face coverings are no longer advised in classes or communal areas
- An outbreak management plan will be in place alongside revised Covid risk assessment
- Children, staff or visitors who have symptoms must not attend; they must isolate and get a PCR test
- School will continue to provide remote learning for children who are isolating
- The following control measures will still be in place:
  - 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.**
  - 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.**
  - 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.**
  - 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

## Diary Dates

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 1  
7<sup>th</sup> Class 3 start  
swimming sessions  
30<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisations  
(information to follow)

### October

21<sup>st</sup> Last day of Term 1  
22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Day

### November

1<sup>st</sup> Start of Term 2

More information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

### **Implications for September**

We can arrange shared playtimes, lunch plays and assemblies; face coverings will not be required inside or on the yard.

We do not have to have staggered timings for drop off/collection and have reverted to a 9am registration start from Reception to Year 6. The arrangements for 'drop off and go' are new and we are grateful to Councillors Mark Turner and Graham Morgan for their input and support for a new one-way system.

**Parents of pre-school children**, please park at the front of the school (roadside) and walk through the bottom yard gate to the pre-school gate, where you will be met. Pre-school sessions will revert to the pre-covid timings of between 9am and 3pm. There is a one-way system used for the front parking area (which flows from the left of the building to the right as you look at it from the road.)

**Class 1 parents**, please park at the front of the school (road side) and walk through the bottom yard gate to Class 1's gate, where you will be met. Please arrive between 8:50am and 9am. There is a one-way system used for the front parking area (which flows from the left of the building to the right as you look at it from the road.)

**Parents of Y1-Y6 children** are encouraged to 'drop off and go' using a new one-way system between 8:50 and 9am rather than park, whenever possible. This means **driving through to the school car park at the back of the school to the school reception gate**, where your child can get out under the supervision of staff.

The arrangements for pick-up are:

**Pre-school:** Please park at the front of the school (roadside) and collect from the preschool gate at 3pm; the bottom yard gate will be opened at approx. 2:50pm for you. Please leave promptly to free up car park spaces for others.

**Reception:** Please park at the front of the school (roadside) and collect from the reception class gate at 3:15pm.

**Y1-6:** Pick up from the KS2 yard as usual, at 3:15pm. Wherever possible, please park at the side of the school, in the back car park, parking along the front wall (reverse into space) or start another row at the rear of the carpark, double parking with staff cars for up to 10 minutes whilst you quickly collect. Please also share pick-ups with friends, so there are less cars trying to park. If entering the carpark at the back, continue along the one-way system as you leave.

Please read the attached letter to parents and carers from GCC. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's teacher with any queries or concerns.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Davis