

31st August, 2020

RRSA articles for –

August 42: **'all adults and children to know the rights of the child.'**

September 28: **'the right to an education which respects dignity and their rights.'**

School value for this half term is **TRUST.**



Dear Parents/Carers,
We hope you have had a very enjoyable summer holiday and that our children are now looking forward to returning to school. For some this will undoubtedly be an anxious time and they may have lots of worries and questions about school. Please be assured that we will be doing everything we can to settle them in quickly so they enjoy being back in school with their new teacher and all their classmates.

We hope the children have managed to have a go at their summer holiday projects. It will be lovely to see what they have made to share with their friends.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the well-being survey we sent out via Schoolzine over the summer. The information you provide will be very helpful in supporting our children with returning to school.

You will be pleased to know that Dainty Little Hands will be back with us offering their usual high quality wrap around provision during the term, including staff training days (except on 1st September). Please refer to their hand book for more information about how they are operating under Covid-19 restrictions.

The DFE have launched their [#backtoschoolsafely](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschoolsafely) campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September. Parents are encouraged to visit [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

for information and practical guidance to help you plan for your child's return to school.

Before the 2nd September, please can we ask that you familiarise yourself with the July parent/carer guide again, especially for the staggered times which ensure children can be safely dropped off and collected from school. These staggered arrangements are in place so that every child can safely enter and exit the school site. Please may we also ask that all parents and carers remember to observe social distancing and help us by following the plan in place.

What else can you do to help?

- Reinforcing with your child the need for good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, which schools will also be doing.
- Not sending your child to school if they, or someone in your household, has symptoms of the virus. Please notify the school immediately in these circumstances.
- Keeping your child at home if you have returned from a country not on the exempt list of low-risk countries and need to self-isolate for 14 days (this can change quickly so check it regularly). Please notify the school with details
- Taking part in the NHS Test and Trace process if your child develops symptoms so that cases can be identified quickly - this means, you should arrange for them to get a test and let their school know the results. You can also call 119, which is the number for the NHS virus testing call centre.
- Continuing to wash hands regularly – this remains one of the best preventative measures against the virus.)
 1. Palm to palm
 2. Backs of hands
 3. Between fingers
 4. Backs of fingers
 5. Thumbs
 6. Tips of fingers(To help keep time, sing 'Happy Birthday' twice).

The following dates in the autumn term are staff training days and school will be closed to pupils:

- **Tuesday 1st September** (pupils return on Wednesday 2nd September)
- **Friday 25th September**
- **Friday 13th November**

See you next week,
Ms McGrath



Notices and updates

School meals provision

Please remember to activate your Baileys school meals account. This is a pre-ordering service, so all parents/carers will need to activate their accounts. Visit baileys-catering.co.uk to familiarise yourself with the ordering service so that from 2nd September, we can have a seamless transition. If you are experiencing any issues setting up/accessing your accounts, please email: steve@baileys-catering.co.uk.

Birmingham City Council and Sodexo have extended the two weeks of Free School Meal eCheques until 30th August 2020. Recipients will need to make their redemptions prior to this date before their eCheque expires. <https://sodexo-engage.com/p/48OT-A0V/free-school-meals>

Car Free School Streets Pilot

From the end of September, we will be taking part in weekly road closure events before and after school. More information will be sent out soon. Our aim is to ensure that our children's journey to and from school is as safe as possible by reducing the amount of traffic on Greenwood Close.

The Active Wellbeing Society

<https://theaws.co.uk/wearandshare/>

New website

We are very excited to be working with Greenhouse on our new website design. It should be ready for launch soon. We will let you know and keep you updated.

Breakfast & After-School Clubs

Breakfast and after-school sports clubs (including Lego Club) will not be taking place during this half term. This will be under continual review with the potential for at least some of the provision to return after the October half-term break.

Activities that are led internally by school staff such as The Golden Mile and Wake Up, Shake Up will be the first to return once it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

New academic year information

To start the new academic year, we will be sending home some forms for you to complete and return to school in order to ensure we have the right information for you and your child. Please keep an eye out for your pack. Our privacy notices and data protection policies are available on the website.

School uniform for Autumn term

Please be reminded that the below is acceptable uniform for the new academic year:

Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore



White shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)



Red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (with or without school logo)



Grey or black tights/white or grey socks
Grey or black school shoes (no boots or Ugg-style boots)

PE kit:

Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt (with or without logo)
Black or red shorts
Black pumps (EYFS/KS1); black trainers (KS2)
Plain tracksuit for outdoor PE in colder weather



Just a final reminder about **PE kits**. Please ensure that these are washed and returned to school at the start of each half term. See above and our uniform policy for guidance.

Equipment for pupils

We continue to discourage the use of large rucksacks being brought to school, particularly for children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 as we will not be using corridor storage space, to prevent children gathering at their pegs. Due to Covid-19 safety measures in place bags and coats will be taken in to the classroom. Pupils' lunchboxes will be stored on their trolley and water bottles are kept in classrooms during the day.

Stationery (see also September's Parent/Carer guide)

We will be providing each child with a basic set of stationery to be used each day to avoid any sharing of regularly used equipment. However, we are fully aware that children in Years 5 and 6 like to bring in their own. We understand that it is part of taking responsibility for their belongings and so the following list is only our suggestion:

- 2 HB pencils
- Selection of pencil crayons
- Handwriting pen for children with a pen pass (Berol are good)
- 30cm clear ruler
- Felt tips in a range of simple colours
- Sharpener (a container version)
- Small pair of scissors
- Glue stick
- Eraser
- Pencil case (simple ones are the best)

Painting aprons – all children would benefit from an apron in school for art and cooking activities. Please could we ask that your child brings either an apron or a large T-shirt/shirt to protect their school uniform during these activities.