



Tuesday 1st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Return to school

I hope that you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break with your families, and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school this week.

As you know, we have strict protective measures in place to keep everyone safe and the details of these can be found on the school risk assessment which will be added to the new school website later today.

Please follow the guidelines to make the return as smooth as possible for everyone. In order to reduce congestion at the school gate and ensure that social distancing between families is maintained please, walk to school wherever possible and move away from the gates as soon as you have handed your child over to school staff at the gates. Also please remind your child to wash their hands before they leave their house to come to school; this will help to minimise the risk of any infections spreading.

All year groups, except Reception, will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Children should wear their full school uniform for the first three days back; PE lessons will not start until week beginning 7th September. Please drop your child at the school gates at the allocated time. (You will receive a text/email reminding you of the staggered starts and finish times for each class).

If your child is attending Woodpeckers, you will have had specific information about where to drop off and collect your child from as we are working three bubbles within Woodpeckers.

It is important that children arrive promptly at their allocated time to reduce the number of adults around the gate area and keep queuing to a minimum. For the first week if there are siblings, please drop/collect the children at their separate times. We will review how this works during the first week and be in touch if the procedures need to change.

All children need a water bottle and a coat. If they are bringing sandwiches, these can be in a named plastic box or a disposable bag. They should **not** bring anything else into school. Please do not send your child to school wearing a face mask as this is not a requirement at primary school.

Dinners will be provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 free of charge (KS2 children can order a hot or cold deli bag or a jacket potato with a choice of toppings at a cost of £2.25 if they wish). The menus are on the new school website, and on display in classrooms. Staff will help KS1 children to choose their dinner option in the morning

(it would save time if you could prompt them with this before arriving). Miss Court will explain how parents help Reception children order their dinner when she meets you for your induction appointment.

You **must not** bring your child to school if they show any symptoms of the virus. As usual, please inform us before 9.30am if your child is not attending school for any reason. Parents should not come into school without an appointment- please contact us by phone or email.

We have adjusted our timetables so that we can spend time talking to the children, reassuring them and assessing their learning needs. I will provide more details of our 'recovery curriculum' during the first week back.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone and settling down into our new classes and new routines. Hopefully, after the first few days, things will start to feel a little more normal!

Thank you for your continued support. Please get in touch if you have any queries- we are here to help.

Kind regards

Mrs Simpson

Headteacher