



Achieving Success Together

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have worked hard to prepare for September so we can all be as safe as possible.

Every child must return to school in September. We know many of you are anxious about a return. All schools have completed a risk assessment. We will make a copy available to you week beginning 24 August.

RETURN DATES:

School will open on Wednesday 2 September. This is a training day for staff only.

We have changed times and dates to aid safe admission of children.

Nursery, Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 will return on **Thursday 3 September**. They must attend Thursday and Friday.

Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 will return on **Monday 7 September**.

SCHOOL TIMES AND LOCATIONS

The school gates will open **at 8:30am and close at 8:40am**.

Please leave your years 2 to 6 child at the gate. Staff will be on the playground to greet the children and direct them to their class line. Please do not leave children on Bolingbroke Street.

Children in years Nursery, Reception and Year 1 can be taken to their doors. Please remember to maintain social distance from other families.

Year one children will line up on the top playground. Reception and Nursery children will be collected by a member of staff at their cloakroom door.

Morning Nursery will be 8:30am to 11:30am.

Afternoon Nursery 11:50am to 2:50pm.

School will start at **8:40am and finish at 2:50pm for Reception to Year 6.**



Years 2 to 6 must be dropped off at the playground gate at 8:30am. Children will line up in their class line in the playground.

Years 2 to 6 must be collected promptly from the playground at 2:50pm.

Years 1, Reception and Nursery to be collected from their classrooms.

Staff will be available to direct you at the start and the end of the school day.

We hope this works efficiently. If we need to make any changes we will let you know. This is new for all of us so we need to work together at all times.

REMOTE EDUCATION SUPPORT

The government has directed all schools to plan for remote education as below. This means we have to plan for children to continue their learning at home using the internet and computers.

All children must be able to complete the work that is set by the teachers. We will support all families to make this possible for every child.

Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education.

Schools are expected to consider how to continue to improve the quality of their existing offer and have a strong contingency plan in place for remote education provision by the end of September.

In developing these contingency plans, we expect schools to:

- ***give access to high quality remote education resources***
- ***select the online tools that will be consistently used across the school in order to allow interaction, assessment and feedback, and make sure staff are trained in their use***
- ***provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for pupils who do not have suitable online access***
- ***recognise that younger pupils and some pupils with SEND may not be able to access remote education without adult support, and so schools should work with families to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum.***
- ***set assignments so that pupils have meaningful and ambitious work each day in a number of different subjects***
- ***plan a programme that is of equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school, ideally including daily contact with teachers.***

At Bankfoot, we are in the fortunate position to be able to respond to this. We have some way to go to ensure all children are working when at home. We want to give every child the opportunity to successfully learn at home. We have plans in place as below, and will continue to look at this when we return in September.

- ✓ Friday 11 September will be the first Friday for 'learning at home' in the afternoon for children in Years 1 to 6, and Reception. Children who attend Nursery – morning and afternoon - will also have the option to learn at home on Fridays.
- ✓ You can leave your child at school until 2:50pm if that is your preference.
- ✓ Your child can be collected at 12:00 noon to have their lunch at home. Learning for the afternoon will be available on the Website for children in Nursery and Reception. Learning for Years 1 to 6 will be available on Chromebooks.
- ✓ A packed lunch will be provided for children to eat at home for Reception, Years 1 and 2, and children in years 3 to 6 who are entitled to free school meals.
- ✓ We have ordered a full class set of new Chromebooks (small laptops) for Year One. They will be taught how to work on these. Until then, their work will be on the website also so you can support them. As the children will be in school on Friday mornings, we will go through the expectations with them. Nursery and Reception children will complete their work in their Learn at home books.
- ✓ We will have sessions for parents to on how to support remote learning at home. Please try to attend when these are made available.

CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

Link to videos for years 1 to 6 from September are available on our website. Please share these videos with your children. Staff for each class can be found in the video. We want to make sure all children feel safe when they return to school. We also want them to know that it is 'OK' to say they are worried, scared or upset. We will listen and have support in place.

FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the content of this letter, we will be available week beginning Monday 24 August.

If it is urgent, please feel free to call Mrs Wright (07415905388) or Mrs Irfan (07495771350).

Please stay safe and well. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours faithfully



J S Wright

Headteacher

