



2nd September 2020

Dear Parents,

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – It's good to be back!

What a wonderful start to the new school year! Lots of smiling faces arriving at school and very supportive comments from our families. Thank you to James Hurley, Chair of Governors, for helping me to meet and greet at the gate this morning.

New Procedures

The pupils have been brilliant today, listening carefully to the new rules and adhering to social distancing plus regular hand washing. They have already adapted well to the modified classroom layouts and staying in their bubbles throughout the day. This includes our small group of new reception pupils who have smiled throughout the day! We look forward to ensuring that the other two reception groups, attending Thursday and Friday, enjoy themselves too.

Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Children First have produced a short film to help pupils understand the key public health messages around Covid-19:

<https://youtu.be/KoGPYpDtMQw>

Home School Link Books

Our brand new 2020-2021 Home School Books arrived in school today. These will be on sale from tomorrow and have some key information about the curriculum as well as being a useful liaison tool between home and school. Please send £3.50 in a named envelope with your child.

Start and End of day Procedures

Timings for the start and end of day for each group have been outlined in the parent leaflet.

Please note-siblings are to be dropped off and collected at the same time. Thank you for following the one-way system and socially distancing this morning before school.

Individual Pupil Photographs

Next Gen Photography are booked to visit school next Wednesday 9th September. They have adapted their procedures to be COVID-19 safe. Their adapted equipment allows for adequate social distancing, the staff will not need to enter the building as photographs can be taken outside or in the school hall that can be accessed directly. Please note due to their COVID-19 procedures there will not be any pre-school sibling or sibling photographs taken this year. If you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken please contact the school office by Friday 4th September.



Uniform and PE Kits

Pupils will not need to bring their PE kit with them this week. Starting from next week, all classes will have allocated PE days. You will receive a text to confirm these. Pupils will be expected to attend school, wearing PE kits on their allocated PE days and uniform on non-PE days. Please note a waterproof coat is needed daily as pupils will be going outside at breaktimes.

Technology Update

During the summer break, the old purple interactive whiteboards were replaced with ActivPanels, the latest in educational technology. These are useful tools for the classrooms and are packed with a vast array of teaching resources.

Government Guidance for Parents

The guidance for parents has been updated. Here is a link for the latest information:

<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/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Dean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher