



Dear Parents,

Tuesday 25th August 2020

Back to School Autumn Term 2020-2021

I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The staff team are looking forward to all pupils returning to school in September and getting to know our new pupils and families.

I have attached the parent leaflet, sent in July, outlining the plans for the full reopening of school in September. I have continued to update the risk assessments based on Government Guidance and in consultation with the local Governing Body and the Trust.

Start of Term

We will be open for ALL pupils on the 2nd September (Our new Reception pupils will attend full-time from 7th September due to induction procedures in the first week of term). Pupils will be organised into class bubbles.

The new guidance released on 7th August outlines that both the approaches of separating groups and maintaining distance are not 'all or nothing' options and will still bring benefits even if implemented partially.

'There should be formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

How contacts are reduced will depend on the school's circumstances and will (as much as possible) include:

- *grouping children together*
- *avoiding contact between groups*
- *arranging classrooms with forward facing desks*
- *staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible'*

DFE Guidance for Full Opening 7th August

The organisation for the Autumn Term will therefore be:

- To keep children in their class bubbles for the majority of the classroom time but also allow mixing into wider key stage groups for specialist teaching (RWInc and wraparound care).
- To regularly remind children of the need to give each other space where possible.
- To sit pupils side-by-side and not facing each other.



Home Learning

Schools are also being asked to prepare a 'Plan B', i.e. arrangements to allow remote learning to take place should a partial or full closure of the school be required, at any point in the next academic year. We will of course continue to use Seesaw in the event of another school closure. All login details have now been distributed. Please contact the school office if you do not have access to Seesaw.

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. This will be the time slot shown for your older sibling.**

I will send reminder texts about timings and procedures on Tuesday 1st September.

Wrap Around Care

As the guidance states we are able to mix in a wider key stage group for wrap around care, I am pleased to inform you that as from September we will be able to offer breakfast club from 8am and after school provision until 5pm. The pupils will be organised into key stage bubbles and will be kept in these separate bubbles both before school and after school. The wrap around care provision will be reviewed regularly and we will aim to resume our 'normal' opening hours as soon as is safe and practical to do so.

Resources

As stated in the parent leaflet, all pupils will be provided with a pack of essential equipment. This will be for their own use and not shared with others. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 may bring in a pencil case with their own resources. All items must fit into their tray/on/under their desks and must not be shared with other pupils.

School Meals

Packed lunches can be ordered from our caterers Innovate. Pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. Pupils can bring in a packed lunch of their own if preferred.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dean

Headteacher