



10th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that I am writing this letter at the end of what has been an extremely difficult and challenging few months. However, we have enjoyed hearing those children who have returned to school, laugh and play and are delighted that we can now look forward to seeing all our pupils back in September. We will be very busy in the next couple of weeks planning, completing new and detailed risk assessments, and working out exactly what school will look like and feel like when your child returns.

The Government has stated: *'Given the improved position, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from coronavirus (COVID-19).'*

We are working hard to consider how we group pupils together, ensure that we reduce contact between different groups of pupils, and keep the stringent cleaning and disinfecting processes we already have in place to ensure that our school is as safe as can be for your child.

In preparation, there are some key points that you need to be aware of to ensure that your child is safe. **Please be aware some details may change; we will keep you updated via the school website.**

1. You must ensure that if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child does NOT attend school. Any child or staff member who develops symptoms in the school day will be sent home immediately. If anyone in your household, or your child, tests positive for COVID-19 you MUST inform school.
2. All families will be expected to actively engage with the NHS track and trace.
3. Whilst the government has advised walking or cycling to school wherever possible to reduce the use of public transport, we are going ask that bikes and scooters are **not** stored on site to begin with whilst we safely manage the return of all pupils.
4. Attendance at school will be compulsory for the vast majority of children. The government has relaxed the rules on attendance during lockdown. However, this will change in September. The government guidance says: *'Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term.'*

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5. At present, pupils and staff will not be wearing face coverings in school. The government advice is quite clear that this is not necessary. If face coverings are used on public transport to get to school, they must be removed and safely disposed of or stored before entry to the building.
6. The children will be assigned to a class 'bubble'. Children will remain in that bubble for the duration of the school day and interaction will only be with the staff and children allocated to that bubble. We won't be organising any activities that bring bubbles physically together but will be organising virtual opportunities for the children to interact with their friends in other classes.
7. Your child will be expected to follow strict behaviour rules relating to physical contact with other pupils, and keeping their hands clean. Pupils will be expected to wash their hands regularly, and/or use hand sanitiser.
8. At lunch-time we will be providing two hot meal choices and a sandwich option for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Key Stage Two children may purchase a hot meal at the price of £2.30 and all money for meals must be paid via ParentPay.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, this must be brought in a named disposable plastic or paper bag which will be disposed of at the end of lunch. **Lunch boxes are not allowed.**

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle which will be sent home every day and a healthy snack. Fruit is the best choice but cereal bars may be sent providing that they **do not** contain nuts. **Sending products containing nuts or nut traces into school puts the lives of others at risk.**

9. In order to maintain social distancing during social times, the playground will be zoned. It will be really important that your child stays within the area that they are told to.
10. It will be more important than ever that your child has their own equipment in school to ensure that this does not need to be shared. Each child will be provided with a set of equipment; please **do not** send pencil cases into school. Year 6 children only - mobile phones should only be brought into school where absolutely necessary and kept in their drawer during school hours. The school cannot take responsibility for damage/loss of mobile phones under any circumstances.
11. Reading books will be sent home in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One. These will be quarantined for 72 hours and your child will be given a folder to transport them in, to and from school. **We ask that no bags are brought to school.**
12. Pupils will be expected to wear correct school uniform and black school shoes. On PE days we will ask you to send your child to school in their PE kit. Class teachers will give details of PE days in September.
13. Parents will not be able to enter the school site and we encourage communication via telephone or email. All children will be collected by staff from the school playground. We expect everyone outside the school grounds to respect the social distancing measures in place and there will be signs in place reminding everyone to retain a 2m distance which is safest.



Children in Years 1-6 whose surnames begin with the letter below should attend school on **Wednesday 26th August**. Your child's next full day will be **Friday 28th August**.

Hockney	A to H
Teresa	B to H
Picasso	A to J
Jobs	A to K
Cadbury	A to G
Blyton	A to H
Da Vinci	A to J
Hamilton	A to J
Newton	A to H

Children in Years 1-6 whose surnames begin with the letter below should attend school on **Thursday 27th August**. Your child's next full day will be **Friday 28th August**.

Hockney	K to W
Teresa	M to W
Picasso	K to Z
Jobs	L to W
Cadbury	H to W
Blyton	J to W
Da Vinci	K to W
Hamilton	M to Y
Newton	K to W

Our school will now have staggered starts and endings to the school day. The side gates will open at 8.45am. The front gates will open at 9.00am.

Please use the allocated side gate for drop-off to avoid as much congestion as possible.

St Mary's Road Gate
Newton
Hamilton
Blyton
Cadbury
Hockney
Teresa



Station Road Gate
Da Vinci
Jobs
Picasso



Church Walk Gate
Ali
Darwin



Details of start and end times are listed below.

Foundation will enter and exit through the front door. Drop off will be at 9.00am and pick up will be at 3.20pm. **Please adhere to the specified times to ensure there is no congestion outside school.** Parents of Foundation children have been informed of their staggered start dates in a separate letter. This year group will commence full time from Monday 14th September.

Years One and Two (Hockney, Teresa and Picasso) will enter and exit via the side gates on the bottom playground. The staff will be waiting to meet and greet and the children will be expected to line up on the socially distanced circles. Drop off will be at 9.00am and pick up will be at 3.20 pm.

If you have a child in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, please drop/pick up your child in year one and two first.

Year Three and Four (Jobs, Cadbury and Blyton) will enter and exit via the side gates on the bottom playground. The staff will be waiting to meet and greet and the children will be expected to line up on the socially distanced circles. Drop off will be at 8.50am and pick up will be at 3.10 pm.

Year Five and Six (Da Vinci, Hamilton and Newton) will enter and exit via the side gates on the bottom playground. The staff will be waiting to meet and greet and the children will be expected to line up on the socially distanced circles. Drop off will be at 8.40am and pick up will be at 3.00 pm.

Please try to send children to school with one adult to drop off and pick up at the allocated time. You should only bring siblings if you absolutely have no alternative option. If you do need to bring siblings they will need to be by your side and adhering to the social distancing measures we have put into place. At the beginning and end of the day, please adhere to the social distancing signs and children will be sent to you one at a time.



We understand that some of you and your children will be anxious about returning in September, after some months out of school. Please be reassured that we are taking exceptional measures to make our school as safe as can be. We will be providing additional emotional and wellbeing support for all pupils, and will also be providing additional opportunities to support learning where this is required. Although very many of our pupils have worked hard using our remote learning resources provided by our dedicated teachers, we are fully aware that learning has been lost.

We are all determined that your sons and daughters will absolutely not be 'a lost generation' and we're adapting our curriculum to make sure that they get the learning and knowledge that they need to achieve success in the future.

Your children deserve a great, and safe education – we will not let them down.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you again for your all of your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher