

Thursday 28th May 2020

Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 – UPDATE – Reception Arrangements

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school when we start to re-open the school once the Government have confirmed this.

Here are the planned arrangements.

Wednesday 3rd June

We will be opening just for Miss. East's class, RE. This class will be split into two teaching 'bubble' groups. Miss East will have one group and Mrs. Mackay will have the other group. Miss. East's classroom will be the same. Mrs. Mackay will be in a Year One classroom (1HS).

They will need to be dropped off via the Reception play area every morning. Parents/Carers will not be able to access the play area or school building. The teachers and teaching assistants will be there to support the children coming into school.

Collection will be on the small playground. Please wait behind the cones and keep all other children with you. The teachers will allow children to go once they have seen you. Please respect the social distancing expectations to keep the teachers and other parents safe.

Thursday 4th June

Miss. East's and Mrs. Makay's groups need to be dropped off and collected in the same way as yesterday.

We will now open also for Miss. Smart's class, RR. This class will be split into two teaching 'bubble' groups. Miss. Smart will have one group and Miss. Yates will have the other group. Miss. Smart's classroom will be the same. Miss. Yates will be in a Year One class (1A)

They will need to be dropped off in via the Reception play area every morning. Parents/Carers will not be able to access the play area or school building. The teachers and teaching assistants will be there to support the children coming into school.

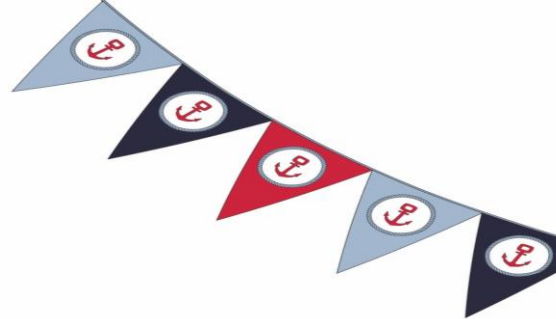
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School Uniform

Children will now need to wear school uniform as we are coming back to school. However the expectations will be slightly more relaxed than usual so that if children have grown out of their uniform you don't need to buy more just for the last 7 weeks. They can wear other clothes (which you don't mind getting dirty!) if you do not have enough or any school uniform that fits. Please can all children wear sensible shoes, ideally trainers because for outdoor activities, such as PE and Forest School, the children won't be changing in and out of clothes or shoes. Trainers don't have to be black this term – any colour

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will be ok so you don't need to go out and buy black trainers if you haven't got any. Government guidance advises parents to send their children in clean clothes every day to support good hygiene practices.

Book Bags

Children do not need to bring in book bags as we will not be sending reading books home this term.

Water Bottles

All children **must** bring in a water bottle from home. Water fountains are switched off. Bottles can be refilled in school. Please put their name on these. If your child does not bring in a water bottle, then we will call you and ask you to bring one in because they need to have access to drinking water throughout the day.

Sun hat and Sun Cream

If the weather stays as lovely as it is now, your child will need to bring in a named sunhat and named sun cream. Please remember that we are not allowed to apply sun cream for the children so please can you practise this at home with them.

Lunches

Universal Infant Free School Meals will start again from 1st June. All Reception children are able to have a free school meal or bring in a packed lunch. Lunches will be eaten in classrooms. School meals will be collected from the kitchen by an adult from their teaching group and taken to the classroom for the children. The children will not be accessing the hall for lunches this term

Attendance

If your child is ill and not able to attend, you will need to follow our usual expectations of calling the school every day they are off and then send in a written letter when your child returns.

If you are choosing to keep your child at home at the moment as you are worried about safety from Coronavirus, you will need to call in every day and let us know this is the reason why your child is in school.

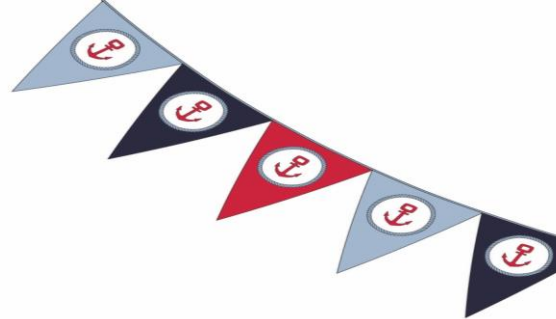
No penalties for non-attendance will be applied this term in line with Government guidelines.

If your child has received a letter from the NHS to say they have to shield because they are clinically extremely vulnerable, please send a copy of this to school and then you do not need to call in every day. If your child is living with someone who is shielding because they are clinically extremely vulnerable (e.g. a parent or sibling), please send a copy of this to school and then you do not need to call in every day.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Supermarket vouchers for families eligible for benefits related free school meals will stop for Reception children from 8th June, unless your child is shielding or living with someone who is shielding.





Supporting Hygiene

One of the ways to support hygiene in school is to practise washing hands at home. Teaching your children to wipe their noses independently – catch it, bin it, kill it – would really help us too. Reminding them to sneeze and cough into their inner elbow is worth practising too!

The Government guidelines suggest that when children get home, normal hygiene practices (such as washing hands) should continue. They also recommend clean clothes for school every day. *“There is no need for anything other than normal personal hygiene and washing of clothes following a day in school. Uniform that cannot be machine washed should be avoided”*

For more information about Government Guideline for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

Curriculum

Your children will be enjoying reading, writing and maths activities throughout the week as well as learning how to keep healthy, both physically and mentally.

Miss. East and Miss. Smart will be working closely with Mrs. Mackay and Miss. Yates to make sure the children are settled and share any important information about the children.

We will be e-mailing parents tomorrow with the name of the teacher that will be teaching them from next week. Please note, that Miss. East and Miss. Smart have worked hard to split the children into four smaller teaching groups and in order to keep everyone safe, we will not be able to accommodate any requests to move children.

I do hope this helps you understand the plans for welcoming Reception children back to school. I will be updating the Frequently Asked Questions sheet tomorrow with more general information.

Take care and best wishes to everyone

Kind regards

Ms. Claire Westcott

