



Friday 29th May 2020

Re: Coronavirus Covid 19 - UPDATE - Children currently accessing childcare arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child has been accessing the childcare arrangements in school, this will continue once we start to re-open for other year groups. Here is what will happen for your children.

Monday 1st June and Tuesday 2nd June

All childcare children will need to arrive in the usual way, via the main entrance at 8.45am.

To support socially distancing measures, the children will need to be collected now at **2.30pm** from the main entrance.

Please note that the car park will no longer be accessible for parents to use to drop off and pick up.

Wednesday 3rd June

From Wednesday 3rd June the childcare children will go to their new teaching groups and so will need to be dropped off at different entrances and collected from different areas.

<u>Nursery</u> - Kaitlin will be in touch about sessions for Nursery child care children.

<u>Reception</u> – **9.15am** drop off at the Reception outdoor play area. **3.00pm** collection from the small playground.

<u>Year 1</u> – **9.05am** drop off at the Year 3 entrance (which is situated at the top of the stairs via the large playground). **2.50pm** collection from large playground.

<u>Year 6</u> – **8.55am** drop off either at cabin (Miss Roberts and Miss Howell) or via Year 5 entrance, which is situated at the side of the school near the exit gate and field (Miss Moffat and Mr De Panama) **2.40pm** collection from small playground (Miss Roberts and Miss Howell). **2.40pm** collection from large playground (Miss Moffat and Mr De Panama)

<u>Years 2, 3, 4 and 5</u> – **8.45am** drop off via Year 6 door (just next to Reception outdoor area). **2.30pm** collection from small playground.

Teachers

Miss Pulleine will be teaching Years 2 and 3. Miss Butcher will be teaching Years 4 and 5.

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 and other belongings.

Children do not need to bring in book bags as we will not be sending reading books home this term. They don't need to bring in any other belongings in to school other than those set out below.

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.

Lunches

For next week only (Monday 1st June – Friday 5th June) all child care children will still need to bring in a packed lunch.

Children can have the usual hot school lunches 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.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Universal Free School Meals will start again on 8th June and if you are eligible for benefits related free school meal supermarket vouchers, these will stop on 8th June as the children will have access to a free meal in school.

For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and are attending school for this childcare, supermarket vouchers will stop and free school lunches will start again when the kitchen reopens on 8th June.

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Supporting Hygiene

One of the ways to support hygiene in school is to make sure your children understand about handwashing, coughing/sneezing safely and using tissues to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it"

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.

For more information about Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, please see the separate letters that have been sent out.

Take care and best wishes to everyone

Kind regards

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