

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all had a good summer break and have enjoyed spending time with your children – not the best of weather for summer but I hear September is going to be a scorcher and we have loads of sunshine on the way next week! We are all looking forward to welcoming back Y1- Y6 on Monday and can't wait to see them all again. Please refer to the grid below for start and end times to the day.

### School Arrangements

The following arrangements will be in place **for Y1 to Y6** when school opens on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. We have tried to revert to our normal school day as much as possible, maintaining a short staggering window to support distancing on the playground and allow families with children in multiple year groups to be dropped off and collected within a similar time frame. Teachers will continue to greet children on the playground each morning and will see them out to you at the end of the day. Please enter the school grounds via the path to the playground and exit through the carpark using the marked yellow pathway. Thank you.

	Doors open/close	Registration	Collection	Entrance/Exit
Foundation Ladybirds Foundation Butterflies	8:45 – 8:55 a.m.	Registration 8:55 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	The far gate on the Foundation fenced area. Please wait on the red playground.
Year 1	8:40 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration 8:50 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	Y1 door to the playground
Year 2	8:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration 9:00 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	Y2 door to the playground
Year 3	8:40 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration 8:50 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	Y3 door to the playground
Year 4	8:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration 9:00 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	Y4 door to the playground between FS and Y1
Year 5	8:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration 9:00 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	Y5/6 door on the semi-circle playground
Year 6	8:40 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration 8:50 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	Y5/6 door on the semi-circle playground

Nursery times remain as 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. for the morning session and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. for the afternoon.

There will no longer be an early drop off at 8:30 a.m. or early collection as times are very similar on entry and at the end of the day. Year groups will enter and leave at the same times so that learning time can be maximised and the internal organisation within school can revert to normal. We are no longer required to run a bubble system; all the hygiene measures we have had in place and the additional ventilation will continue. We can no longer request that parents wear face coverings on the playground – we now leave that decision with you.

**Breakfast club** will open from 7:45 a.m. should you require this support before school.

**After School Club** will run from the end of the school day through till 6p.m. Both will be available for daily and weekly bookings. Please contact the office if you need further information.

**Reading books/bags** should be brought to school daily as children will have an opportunity to change their books if needed.

**P.E:** Children in Y1- Y6 may continue to wear **P.E. kits** to school on their P.E days. Please ensure these are, as much as possible, school kit/school colours. No football shirts should be worn. Information regarding P.E. days will be sent out on Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school on Monday morning in their school uniform. Thank you.

### **Covid Update**

As Covid 19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, the Government has moved to a focus on keeping children in school and minimising disruption to education as much as possible.

### **The key messages from the latest guidance are:**

- Nationally, education and childcare settings are open and attendance is mandatory for schools.
- The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only
- Continuing to take regular rapid tests (LFD) will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission
- Schools will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- Children who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal
- Your child does not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble')
- The requirement to wear face coverings has been removed in law but there is a recommendation that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet

Individuals are now **not required** to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with Covid 19, or are a close contact of someone with Covid 19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Please continue to phone the school office to inform us if your child has symptoms of Covid and/or has tested positive. Your child should then remain at home. As a school, we are still required to report any positive cases however, NHS Test and Trace take on the role of informing parents of affected children if they have been in close contact with a positive case and will subsequently advise a PCR test is taken. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Children who have been identified as a close contact but have no symptoms should continue to attend school as normal.

Please be reassured that we will continue to be vigilant in all our cleaning and hygiene procedures. Extra handwashing and use of hand sanitizer have become a feature of children's lives now and is just the norm!

We look forward to seeing you next week and welcoming all our lovely children back to school bright and breezy on Monday morning.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.  
Best wishes

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