



Friday 22nd May, 2020

Dear Parents,

The first half of the summer term has drawn to a close and I am sure you are all anticipating information about what the return to school is going to look like after half term. As I am sure you will understand, this has taken a considerable amount of organisation but I would like to reassure you, that we have followed all the guidance given to us and taken all the appropriate steps to minimise risks to staff and our children.

Most of this newsletter provides an outline about how we are going to organise the school week for those at school and those who will still be in receipt of home learning. Further guidance, specific to each year group will be sent out on the 1st June, should schools be allowed to open on that date.

We have been told that the Government will announce on May 29th, if they feel schools can open from the 1st June. If this is the case, our school will be CLOSED to all pupils on Monday 1st June. School will reopen to children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 on Tuesday 2nd June. Provision will also be made for key worker children and others in identified groups. Bookings for these children need to be made on Gateway by Wednesday 27th May in the usual way.

Upon return to school, the children will be organised in different ways in class sizes no bigger than 15. They will only mix with this group throughout the day and we will ensure that groups do not have contact with each other. To facilitate this, we are implementing staggered entry and collection times, alongside staggered break and lunchtimes. Regular hand cleaning, hygiene and cleaning measures will be enforced. To aid with this, any unnecessary items have been removed from the classrooms as well as soft furnishings and soft toys. The timetable and curriculum will differ and we will try to facilitate as much outdoor learning as possible.

Drop off and pick up times

We are staggering the drop off and pick up times to allow for social distancing. You will see that we are closing early on a Friday to allow for a deep clean of the school and preparation for teachers for the upcoming week both in school and on Google Classrooms.

If your child needs to be accompanied to school, only one parent should attend. It is very important that parents do not gather at any gates or doors, or enter the school (unless you have a pre-arranged appointment). Please ensure any young children are secured in pushchairs.

We are asked to encourage parents and children to walk or cycle to school wherever possible. If you do have to travel by car or public transport, please refer to this guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

In order to maintain distancing in small spaces, we request that only Y6 children access the bikesheds. We encourage children to walk however, if your Y6 child chooses to cycle, they must only enter the bikesheds when there is room to do so and should wait with their bikes at the 2m distance points which will be marked along the fence.

All parents are expected to maintain social distancing when waiting with children before they enter school in the morning and at afternoon collection times.

For those year groups coming on to the playground, there will be a one way system. Please enter using the path as usual. There will be a marked exit route through the staff car park.

Nursery information

Drop off and collection will be from the nursery outside area gate which leads on to the redway. Please wait on the redway and remember to socially distance from others.

Nursery a.m. session		Nursery p.m. session	
Drop off time	Collection time	Drop off time	Collection time
8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
There will be no Friday p.m. session. Am/pm children to have alternate Friday morning sessions			

Reception information

Drop off and collection will be from the playground. On arrival in the mornings, please stand away from the classroom entrances until the teachers call your child across to enter the building. Collection will be handled in the same way - children will be sent out to you. Please remember to socially distance from others.

Ladybirds will be using the Foundation Stage area - wait on the KS2 playground at the far end of the Foundation fence.

Butterflies will be using the Y1 classrooms - wait on the playground in front of these classrooms but away from the classroom door.

FS Ladybirds (Miss Duke's class)			FS Butterflies (Mrs. McCullough's class)		
Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection	Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection
9:00 a.m.	3:15 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	9:15 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	12:45 p.m.

Year 1 information

Drop off and collection will be from the playground. On arrival in the mornings, please stand away from the classroom entrances until the teachers call your child across to enter the building. Collection will be handled in the same way - children will be sent out to you. Please remember to socially distance from others.

Crickets will be using the Y2 classrooms - wait on the playground in front of the adventure playground.

Grasshoppers will be using the Y3 classrooms - wait on the semi-circle playground at the end of the school building. This will allow other parents to access the playground safely.

Y1 Grasshoppers (Mrs Hawkes' class)			Y1 Crickets (Mrs Heather and Mrs Johnston's class)		
Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection	Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection
8:45 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	12 noon
P.E. day is Monday			P.E. day is Tuesday		

Year 6 information

Drop off and collection will be from the pavement area at the front of the school (by the crossover point/yellow bollards, mid-way through the car park). Y6 will enter using the ramp into the end of the Y4 cloakroom. Children should arrive at their specified time and wait in line by one of the 2m distance markers on the school fence.

Y6 Beech (Mr. Chapman's class)			Y6 Elm (Ms Hilton' class)		
Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection	Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection
9:00 a.m.	3:15 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
P.E. day is Thursday			P.E. day is Wednesday		

Key Worker Childcare for Y2, Y3 Y4 and Y5 children

Drop off and collection will be from the main school entrance. Children will be registered on arrival and taken through to the Y4 classrooms.

Key Worker Childcare		
Drop off time	Collection time	Friday collection
8:50 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.
P.E. day is Friday		

Home Learning

We will continue to provide home learning for children in Years 2 - 5 who will not be returning to school. Children in other years groups who are choosing not to return will also have access to home learning but this will be in a different format. More information about this will be provided on the 1st June.

General information

We do expect children to wear school uniform however, children can wear trainers to school. This is because we will be maximising time spent outdoors. If your child has outgrown their uniform, please do not buy any more - just send your child in wearing something similar and appropriate. On PE days, children in Y1 and Y6 should come to school in P.E. kits for the full day. This eliminates changing and the need for any PE bags in school. Foundation Stage will not change for PE/outside activities.

Children in FS, Y1 and Y6 should bring their writing packs/plastic folders back on the first day as they will be required in school. Do not worry too much if some stationery items have been mislaid. Thank you.

All children need to bring in their own labelled water bottle which is taken home each night for cleaning.

Expectations of parental contact with school

No parents will be allowed in school unless a prior arrangement is made. If you need to contact us, please phone or email the school and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as they can.

School lunches

Parents in Reception, Years 1 and 6 will need to order school lunches as normal via Parentpay, however Chartwells will only be providing packed lunches for the time being. Children in Reception and Year 1 will continue to receive their packed lunches free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. If your child would like a packed lunch please ensure you place the order as usual by midnight on Tuesday 26th May. You will shortly be receiving an email from Chartwells explaining how to do this. Thank you.

We ask that parents do not bring lunches into reception during the day or at lunchtime and that packed lunches are sent in with the children in the morning. Thank you.

Due to closing earlier on a Friday, children will not have lunch on site. Any lunches that have been ordered or allocated to Foundation and Y1 as part of the Universal free school meal scheme, will be sent home with the children.

We appreciate that you have been provided with a lot of information in this newsletter and we thank you for working with us during this time. I understand that for some of you it has been a difficult decision whether or not to send your child back but rest assured that we are endeavouring to take all necessary precautions to try to ensure that all our school community is safe in this new way of working. Plans are still developing and more information about school arrangements, our curriculum offer and arrangements for home learning will be sent to you on the 1st June. As you will have noticed, government directives have a tendency to change at short notice but we will provide you with all the information and updates in a timely manner.

In the meantime, we hope you have a wonderful, relaxing half term.

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