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Dear Reception Families



Thank you for booking a place for your child to return to school on Monday 6th July. Our phased return to school is being managed with extreme caution and care and we have put many protective measures in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

School will be different and children will not experience school life as it was before lockdown. Please familiarise yourself with some of the changes below and discuss these with your child before they return to school to help them to settle into our new routines.

- Parents will not be allowed on site. All communication needs to be via telephone, email or Seesaw, please.
- We would ask that only 1 adult accompany a child to school and no siblings if possible please.
- Parents will be encouraged not to gather at the gates and should observe a 2m distance from other parents.
- Children will be welcomed at the EYFS/KS1 gate at 9.30am. Please observe social distancing if you arrive early. Children will be collected from the same gate at 2.45pm Monday to Thursday, and at 12 noon Friday.
- If children are late, they will not be admitted into school until 9.45am via the EYFS/KS1 gate.
- Children will be put into small groups ('bubbles') of up to 8 children. Children will remain in these bubbles for their time in school and will have staff allocated to their bubble. Bubbles will not be allowed to mix.
- Children will not necessarily be in their own classroom or with their own teachers.
- The layout of classrooms will be changed. All non-essential equipment and soft furnishings have been removed and each child will have their own space to work at and eat their lunch.
- We will encourage children to social distance, however during play, this is very difficult for young children and could also be very confusing for them. Therefore, please be aware that your children may not be social distancing at all times within their bubble.
- Children will be supervised when attending the toilet. Toilets are allocated to bubbles.
- The hall has a new one-way system to keep bubbles apart.
- Outdoor spaces will be allocated to bubbles to ensure that equipment is not shared between multiple bubbles.
- If a child displays symptoms compatible with Covid-19, they will be immediately segregated. Family members will be contacted and your child will have to self-isolate for 7 days. Fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days as per government advice. You should book a test for your child via NHS.UK or by phoning NHS 119. Please inform the school of test results as soon as possible.
- If your child displays symptoms at home, do not bring your child to school and follow the isolation guidance above. Please inform the school if your child displays symptoms at home.

- Home learning activities mirroring the teaching in school will still be available to all children via Seesaw.
- The school kitchen will not be open. Children must bring their packed lunch and snack in a named disposable bag please (no lunchboxes). Lunches will be eaten in the classroom and all rubbish will be disposed of at school. If children require cutlery, please provide disposable items.
- There will be access to drinking water in school. Children should bring a named bottle to school which will remain in the classroom for the remainder of school opening.
- Children do not need to bring anything other than their coat. Reading books, homework books and completed work will not be sent home. If you feel that your child may have an accident and need spare underwear or clothing, please send these into school with your child in a named bag.
- Children will not be using cloakrooms for their belongings. Coats will remain on the back of their seat.
- Children do not need to wear school uniform. Clean clothes must be worn every day. If children return to school in clothes previously worn, they may be asked to return home to change.
- Outdoor play will be used as much as possible, though time and space outdoors will be timetabled between bubbles to avoid bubbles mixing.

It is not compulsory for your child to attend school this term, even if you have requested a place. There are no sanctions or fines for non-attendance.

Next week we will post some returning to school activities on Seesaw to support children's adjustment to these changes. We are looking forward to seeing our fantastic Reception children and we have some lovely activities planned for the remainder of the year.

Please note that these plans are provisional and are subject to change, particularly if the guidance from the Government or Local Authority changes. We will inform families of any changes as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

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