

**Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

**Dear Parents,**

**Return to School on March 8th**

The staff and I are very much looking forward to the return of all of our pupils on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>. This letter is to remind you of the arrangements that we put in place in the autumn term when the school reopened to all pupils after the first partial closure. This letter is relevant to all parents as arrangements for drop off and pick up have been different since January 2021 when fewer pupils have been in school.

Please help us to make the opening of the school run smoothly and safely by reading carefully the sections that apply to your child's or children's year group/s:

- You will be given a window of time when you should bring your child to school and collect your child. It is very important that you do not arrive too early or too late as this will cause congestion at the school gates. If you have children in more than one year group, please bring them at the earliest time and collect them at the earliest time.
- Nursery class- bring your child through the main gate from 8.40-8.50 a.m. Please leave the school via the lower infant yard gate (signposted) and then leave the infant yard via the 'sports day' gate. Those nursery children accessing 30 hours provision should be collected from 2.40 p.m. and 2.50 p.m. and should leave via the main gate. Once you have collected your child you should leave the grounds straightaway.
- Reception class- bring your child through the main gate from 8.40-8.50 a.m. Please leave the school via the lower infant yard gate (signposted) and then leave the infant yard via the 'sports day' gate. At the end of the day, you can collect your child between 3.15 p.m. and 3.25 p.m. Please leave via the lower infant gate and then the 'sports day' gate.
- Year One- bring your child through the main gate from 8.50 a.m. to 9.00. Your child can then go straight into the Year 1/2 entrance door and into their classroom. A teacher or teaching assistant will be there to welcome them so that you can leave promptly without needing to queue. Please leave the yard by the 'sports day' gate which will allow us to operate a one-way system in the yard. At the end of the day you can collect your child between 3.25 and 3.35. Please do not arrive before this time. Your child will be dismissed to you individually by a member of staff when you can leave again by the sports day gate.
- Year Two- bring your child through the main gate from 8.50 a.m. to 9.00. Your child can then go straight into the Year 1/2 entrance door and into their classroom. A teacher or teaching assistant will be there to welcome them so that you can leave promptly without needing to queue. Please leave the yard by the 'sports day' gate which will allow us to operate a one-way system in the yard. At the end of the day you can collect your child between 3.25 and 3.35. Please do not arrive before this time. Your child will be dismissed to you individually by a member of staff when you can leave again by the sports day gate.
- Year Three and Year Four- bring your child through the main gate from 8.40 a.m. to 8.50. Your child can then go straight into the junior yard where their teacher or teaching assistant will be there to welcome them and guide them to their own entrances. Please leave the yard by the 'sports day' gate which will allow us to operate a one-way system in the yard. At the end of the day you can collect your child between 3.15 and 3.25. Please do not arrive before this time. Please wait at the bottom the yard and your child will be dismissed to you by a member of staff and then you can leave again by the sports day gate.
- Year Five and Year Six- bring your child through the main gate from 8.30- 8.40. Your child can go straight into the junior yard where a teacher or teaching assistant will be there to welcome them and guide them to their entrance. Please leave the yard by the 'sports day' gate which will allow us to operate a one-way system in the yard. At the end of the day you can collect your child between 3.05 and 3.15. Please do not arrive before this time. Your child will be dismissed to you by a member of staff when you can leave again by the sports day gate.
- Your child can wear school uniform as usual, and a school bag with a water bottle are permitted. The children should not bring anything else as the school will provide each child with a name-labelled pencil case containing all the equipment they will need. If your child has worn a face covering for travelling to school, the covering should be put in the outside waste bin before coming into school or put in a clear plastic bag to be stored in the child's school bag before coming into school.

### **P.E. Days**

Arrangements for P.E. remain the same:

The children will need to come into school wearing their P.E. kit on the day that they have P.E. They should wear their white P.E. t-shirt, **school sweatshirt- other tracksuit tops/hoodies are not permitted**, trainers or plimsolls and either shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms depending on the weather.

Reception- Tuesday

Year 1- Friday

Year 2- Thursday

Year 3- Monday

Year 4- Thursday

Year 5- Tuesday

Year 6 Wednesday

### **Lunches**

The full school lunch menu will be offered to all children every day. If you had moved your child onto packed lunch last term because you did not want them to have a school 'packed lunch', you may want your child to go back onto school lunches. If this is the case, please contact Mrs. Griffiths by telephone. All infant children will now return to having school lunches.

### **Protocols**

- *Please do not come into the main entrance of the school.* If you have a query, please telephone the school office and Mrs. Griffiths will help you or will arrange an appointment time for you to speak to me or a member of staff.
- *Please observe social distancing when in the school grounds and outside the school gates, wear a face covering when bringing your child to school, avoid face-to-face conversations with other parents, maintain at least 2 metres distance from other parents, and if you have pre-school children with you, please keep them by your side at all times.*
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term> -this link will give you all the updated information you need about pupils returning to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any concerns about sending your child back to school then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

It will be lovely to have our school community back together again on Monday. I'm sure that, with continued consideration for one another's safety and well-being, we can make the return to school a safe and happy one for the children.

With very best wishes,

N. Park

Headteacher