



18th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do hope that you are having a good summer so far. Now that we are a couple of weeks away from the start of term, I wanted to give you an update about our preparations for September.

From September we are planning to welcome back **all** children. Years 1 to 6 will return on Thursday 3rd September. Reception will begin a phased start from this date too. This is subject to government guidance and criteria around the rate of infection being met. As always our most important concern is the safety and wellbeing of our children and our school community.

Attendance in September

The Government has stated that attendance for primary children will be compulsory for September 2020.

Our safety measures

- Our cleaning regime will be enhanced to help minimise the risk of transmission.
- We will ask everyone to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- If a child or family member is sick they must not come to school – there will be further information about this next week.
- We will be grouping the children together in year groups and then limiting the contact between groups.
- We are changing the layout of the classrooms particularly with the children in Key Stage 2 to help minimise the risk of transmission.
- We will be maintaining social distance between groups as much as possible.
- We will be staggering breaktimes and lunchtimes to reduce contact between groups.

Our risk assessment has been reviewed by the governing body and is just being finalised with the most up to date government guidance which came out last week. This document is reviewed regularly in line with any new advice.

The issue with the dining room floor is currently being resolved and our deep clean will begin this week.

School Day

At the start and end of the school day we will be making some changes to how children are dropped off and collected to help with social distancing. You will receive more information about this next week. However the timings are largely unchanged.

Start of the Day:

Reception (when full time)	8.45am – 8.55am
Year 1 – 6	8.30am to 8.55am

End of the Day:

Reception (when full time)	3.10pm
Year 1- 2	3.20pm
Year 3 – 6	3.30pm

Parents will not be allowed in the school building until we feel it is safe to do so, except for children starting school in Reception. This is not the way that we want it to be and we will work hard to ensure that we communicate with you as often as possible in other ways. If you have any concerns just email or call the Office.

Clubs (including Breakfast Club and After School Club)

We are focusing on ensuring that we can safely offer breakfast club and after school club in the first instance in September before starting any additional or externally run clubs. As we stated in the newsletters in the Summer Term, we will not be able to offer Breakfast Club and After School club with the same level of flexibility. Please ensure that if you have a requirement, you communicate with us as early as possible. More information will be sent about how to drop off and collect children before we start back.

Medication

If your child has regular or emergency medicine that we keep at school, please can you ensure that you have this ready to return with them in September.

School Meals

We will be returning to hot school meals for children in September. This presents more challenges but is a more nutritious option. Parents will need to pre-select their child's menu choice. The system for this will be shared next week. If your child has a special diet, there will be no changes to your current system.

Please note that these are currently our confirmed plans – they are subject to changes in light of any new government guidance.

Next week I will send out more information and some videos to show the children a bit more about what to expect when they return.

If you would like to discuss anything, please email the Office.

Kind regards,
Jude Deasey