

3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Returning Back to School

Welcome back to a new term and I hope that during the school holiday period that you and your children have been able to enjoy some quality time together. This letter is to update you before your child returns on Monday 6th September but the traditional school newsletter will be sent next week and then fortnightly thereafter.

I write to you today with a real sense of hope that this new academic year will feel very much more like the normality that we are all seeking. On 17th August the Department for Education (DfE) published updated guidance: '[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)'. A range of measures that we are familiar with will remain in place in September, in line with this revised DfE guidance. This will include a continuing stronger focus on washing hands and also ongoing ventilation of classrooms and other spaces. On Monday, the school website will be updated with the revised risk assessment and below on the next page is a summary of some of the measures the school will be following.

Morning routine/Drop Off

All children in Year 1 to Year 6 return on Monday 6th September (Nursery and Reception return on the 8th September) and all class teachers are very much looking forward to seeing you all. Our classroom doors will be open from 8.30am and will close at 8.50am for registration. Children can be dropped off at the classroom door, parents will not be permitted to enter the classrooms. Our caretaker, Mr Lawrence, will still be on the front for a car drop off and children will walk straight into class.

Collection

School will finish at 3pm and parents will collect from classroom doors. Please can we ask that parents collect and make their way off the premises swiftly to prevent large groups gathering on the playground. Thank you for your support with this.

For both morning and afternoon drop off and collection routines, we have **removed the one-way system** and parents **do not need to wear masks**.

PE Kits

We would still like children to wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. Class teachers will send a letter next week detailing all this extra information but please can we ensure that all children still continue to look smart for school on the days they are wearing their PE kit by wearing a plain white top, black shorts or plain black or grey jogging bottoms or leggings on cooler days. More information is on our school [website](#). We will continually review this practice.

Ventilation

Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated by opening windows and doors as part of our control measures. Please ensure that children wear warm clothing e.g. layers such as a vest and bring a warm coat to school.

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Snacks

All children in Early Years and KS1 are providing with a healthy snack at school and do not need to bring a snack to school. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can bring in their own snack to eat at first break but this should also be healthy e.g. fruit. Crisps or sweets are not permitted as a break time snack. All children should bring a bottle filled with water only to school to hydrate throughout the day.

Lunchtime

All children will be back to eating their lunch in the school hall. This will be slightly staggered to ensure we can accommodate the children in the hall and a cleaning routine will take place before, during and after the lunch hour.

Whilst we start this new academic year with renewed hope, I am very conscious of the anxiety that some of you might be feeling about your child's return to school. We have worked diligently throughout the last year and continue to set the highest expectations and standards for our staff and pupils to ensure that our school community is as safe as it can be. If you have any questions, please speak to me when I am at the front of the school in the morning or arrange to speak with me via the office.

God Bless

Mrs P Crane
Executive Headteacher