

Michaelmas Term Return to School - Kindergarten

Dear parents,

As you are aware, schools must follow the government guidance for social distancing and we have therefore made the following arrangements for the pupils:

Bubbles: We will be maintaining year group bubbles within school. This will allow us to continue teaching normally, including sets. Any teacher who teaches the class from outside the bubble will be ensuring they can maintain social distancing.

Uniform: Pupils should wear full school uniform to school each day (this can be summer uniform until October half term). On PE/Games days, if the lesson is in the morning, children may be asked to come in dressed for PE with school uniform to change into as usual. Your child's teacher will advise of this in their first day letter.

What should the pupils bring to school?

- Pupils should **not** bring their own stationery to school. They will be provided with all equipment needed which will be stored at their desks. Children will not be able to share equipment with other pupils.
- Pupils should bring a drink and a snack for break time.
- Book bags can be brought into school and returned home each day along with reading books, diaries, homework etc. Book bags will be stored by your child's desk.

Arrival and Departure Arrangements:

- Each year group will continue to have staggered arrival and departure times, as was the case before the summer holidays to ensure that there is minimal contact between bubbles.
- Upon arrival, the pupils will be asked to wash their hands and will be reminded to do so throughout the school day.
- The designated route for entry to and exit from the Kindergarten building remains in place to ensure a one-way system during arrival and departure times.
- We ask that parents do not enter the Kindergarten building. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please either speak to them at drop off/ pick up (from an appropriate distance), email the staff member directly or contact the school office.
- We regret that there will be no Breakfast club or After School Club running initially. We therefore ask that pupils do not arrive earlier than their designated start time. However, if you have siblings at the school, starting at different times, you are welcome to drop them both off at the same start time. Teachers will be available in their classrooms from 8:30am to welcome any siblings in early. Please just let the teacher know.
- After school we cannot allow the children to leave earlier than their allocated time. If you also have children in the Juniors, please collect your Kindergarten child first and then return to the car to drive round to meet your Junior child at the drop off. If

there is a delay between the time you need to collect from Kindergarten and the drop off, please remain, with your child, in your car to avoid group gatherings.

During the school day:

- The pupils will be in year group bubbles. This means that they can still receive a broad education with their specialist teachers and with our usual setting arrangements in place. Year group bubbles will not be mixing with the other year group bubbles.
- The classroom door and windows will remain open where practical in order to increase ventilation within the room.
- Classrooms have been rearranged so that all desks face the front, with no pupils facing each other.
- Each year group will have a separate zone to play in at break/lunch times.
- Each year group/class will be allocated a separate toilet.
- All marking, reading books, homework and diaries will continue as per usual, with extra precautions in place within school.
- All assemblies will be virtual and there will be no off-site visitors coming into school.
- Children are not permitted to bring toys or other objects, other than those necessary, into school e.g. show and tell.

Lunches: We will not be able to use the Savoy for lunches so the pupils will be eating in their classrooms instead. They will be supervised by a member of staff, usually their class LSA.

Pupils may bring a packed lunch to school if they wish, or they can order a school provided hot lunch which will be brought to their form room for them. Pupils will be able to order their lunch upon arrival at school each day but please do not swap between school provided lunches and lunch provided from home as this will cause difficulties with ordering of adequate supplies. **Please ensure that any food supplied from home does not contain nuts.**

Cleaning: Please be reassured that the cleaning staff will be ensuring that surfaces are disinfected regularly, including toilets, door handles, desk-tops and other surfaces around the school. The classrooms and buildings will then be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day. We will also clean the tables/desks regularly during the school day.

Personal Hygiene: Hand wash, tissues and hand sanitiser will be available in each classroom and pupils will be required to wash their hands for 20 seconds or to use hand sanitiser at regular intervals, including, but not limited to, upon arrival at school, before and after break and before leaving.

Illness: Pupils should not attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus, including a high temperature, persistent cough or a loss of taste/smell. If a pupil becomes unwell with any of these symptoms whilst at school, we will contact home immediately. Whilst awaiting collection, the pupil will be isolated from the group and supervised from a distance of at least 2 metres by a member of staff.

Attendance: Attendance at school is now compulsory so we ask for your support with this.

Swimming: There will be no swimming sessions initially in the new term but we look forward to resuming these as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

Thank you for taking the time to read through the procedures which we are putting into place for the return to school. If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Kind regards

Mrs Revill, Head of Kindergarten