

YEAR TWO: Returning to School Information, Sept 2020.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this information will help you and your child prepare for returning to school.

The Topic Newsletter outlines the focus we will have in first week back. It is VERY important that we use the first few weeks of the Autumn term to support children to settle back into school routines and ensure they are 'learning ready'.

Your child's new teacher is looking forward to getting to know them and finding out about how they learn and what they enjoy doing.

Please look at the 'MOVING TO YEAR TWO' page on the website as this will help your child to feel ready to come back to school.

We cannot wait to see you all again!

Mrs Waters & the DIS Team



Your child will be in a year group bubble. For the majority of the day, they will be in their class bubble, but will join the other two classes for playtimes and lunchtimes. There may be other times in the day when the children within the year group are organised into different groups (e.g. Phonics).

The School Day

Please do not arrive at school before 8:35am.

8:35

Gate on left-hand side of the path leading to the school office will be opened. Please enter the grassed area and maintain 2m social distancing.



We ask that you stand in class groups as follows:

ARMSTRONG – nearest to the car park

HILLARY – in the middle of the area

COLUMBUS – closest to the gate you enter through, ensuring you leave sufficient space for others to enter and exit safely.



8:45am

Class teacher/TA will take children into school via red doors.

NO PARENTS/CARERS CAN ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

Parents/carers to exit the grassed area through the same gate, being mindful of social distancing at ALL times, especially when passing other families.

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- 8:55 **Gate will be locked.** Children arriving late will need to be taken to the office.
- 10:55-11:10 Playtime in year group bubble
- 12:15-1pm Lunchtime in year group bubble
Due to time and space, it is necessary to reduce our menu choices. Therefore, we will offer a packed lunch (pre-order) and one hot meal choice. Your child can bring their own lunch if you prefer.
- 3:05pm **Gate will be opened.** Parents/carers to enter the grassed area in the same way as in the morning. Parents/carers to wait in the designated class waiting zone for their child to be directed to them by the teacher/TA.
- 3:15pm End of school day for YEAR TWO children.
We ask that you leave the site immediately and do not congregate at school gateways.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE TEACHER OR TA AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF THE DAY. IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE THEN PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU.

Siblings

If you have children in Year 1 AND Year 2, you will be able to drop them off at the hall door at 8:45 and collect them at 3:15pm. **This is a temporary arrangement whilst we are operating different start/end times.** It means you will not need to enter two year group bubbles.

If you have a child in Reception, you will need to follow the arrangements outlined in your induction pack. **A Reception child CANNOT be dropped off at a hall in the early part of the term.**

Clothing

From September, we expect ALL children to wear school uniform. This will help us to re-build our school community again.

Children's belongings

Children can bring in the following:

- Water bottle
- Lunchbox
- Bookbag
- PE bag
- Coat/jacket

Please ensure ALL items are clearly named to avoid any confusion.

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Due to the logistics of the school site and the new entry/exit system, the bike storage will be CLOSED. Therefore, if your child comes to school on their bike or scooter, it must be taken home and not left on the school site during the day.

Reading books.

Initially, your child will NOT bring home a school reading book as we need to establish new routines for this. They will be reading in class and we ask that you use the reading page on the website for ideas for reading at home (e.g. accessing books on Oxford Owl).

Classroom Environment

Classrooms have been re-organised with furniture being removed to allow for social distancing. Children will not be able to sit in groups or learn alongside each other as they would usually do. There will be some resources that cannot be used.

There will be a cleaning station in each classroom for cleaning to take place throughout the day and children will be washing their hands and/or using the anti-bac gel frequently. Each classroom and cloakroom will be cleaned at lunchtimes by our external cleaning team and also after school.

There will be limited numbers of children in the cloakrooms and they will be supervised by an adult. The cloakrooms will be checked and cleaned during the school day.

Attendance

The school is re-opening so therefore **ALL attendance procedures and regulations will be in place.** It is your legal responsibility to send your child to school.

It is vital that you bring your child to school and collect them at the set times. We will not be able to care for your child in the office (as we would usually do) if you are late. It will also have an impact on our social distancing measures if children are collected late as there is a risk of too many parents being on site at the same time.

What to expect if there are **possible** or **confirmed** cases of coronavirus in our school.

Where there is a possible case of coronavirus in school

If a child or member of staff develops symptoms of coronavirus, the individual concerned will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 7 days. They will be asked to arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus at the earliest convenience and to share the results with the school.

The parents/carers of other children within that bubble will be notified that this has taken place, but will not name individuals, or provide any more detail that is necessary. It is likely that all other children within the bubble will be able to continue to attend school as normal whilst the test is carried out and the results are known.

The wider school community will not receive this letter.

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Where there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in school

If a child or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus, the individual concerned will be asked to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The school will then work with the Health Protection Team of Public Health England to carry out a risk assessment and to determine who else, if anyone, also needs to isolate.

The parents/carers of other children within that bubble will be notified that this has taken place, and will be advised on any steps which should be taken.

The wider school community will not receive this letter, unless it has an impact on them too.

I am sure you can appreciate that planning for the return of all our children has taken considerable time. We will review plans on a daily basis initially and we may need to make changes as we go along, we ask that you remain patient with us. Any changes made will be to further mitigate risk and increase safety measures.

However, the plans will only work with your support!

Please help us by ensuring your child arrives on time and you collect your child on time.

We also respectfully ask that you ALL adhere to social distancing rules at ALL times and that you ensure your child does the same.

If we work together, then the re-opening to all children will run smoothly.

Thank you for your support so far in these challenging times.