

Reception – Starting School Information, March 2021.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, **THANK YOU** for the incredible job you have done in supporting your child with home learning during this lockdown period. We are so grateful for your support throughout this challenging time.

We hope this information will help you and your child prepare for returning to school next week. You will notice that the majority of the information is the same as the Autumn term arrangements. However, there are some changes, so please ensure you read the whole document!

On Monday 8th March, the children will participate in a 'Re-engagement Day'. This day has been planned by each team to focus on rebuilding relationships and re-establishing routines and our 'recipe for a fantastic school'.

We have missed you all so much and we cannot wait to see you next week!

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). It may be different to other schools BUT each school makes a decision based on the staffing and resources available.

The School Day

Please do not arrive at school before 8:50am.

8:50am

Walk-way gate 1 will be opened

Please enter the school site and wait on pathway, being sure to observe a 2m distance between families.

8:55am

Walk-way gate 2 will be opened

Continuing to maintain a 2m distance, follow the pathway to the back of the school. Please then follow the arrows on the designated path and enter the waiting zone for your child's class, again adhering to social distancing rules.



Class teacher/TA will take children into school. **NO PARENTS/CARERS CAN ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING.**

Parents/carers to exit the class waiting zone and leave the school site via the designated pathway and out through the **main gates (NOT the pathway)** maintaining social distancing at ALL times.



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9:10am	Both walk-way gates will be locked. Children arriving late will need to be taken to the office.
11:30-12:30pm	Lunchtime in year group bubble (main hall) <i>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.</i>
3:05pm	Gate 1 will be opened.
3:10pm	Gate 2 will be opened.
3:15pm	End of school day for EYFS 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 take them to the classroom door as per the information for this year group. **A Reception child CANNOT be dropped off at the hall.**

Clothing

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
Coat/jacket

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

During lockdown, children in school came to school in their PE kits on their PE day. This worked very well and so we will continue with this. Your child's PE day(s) will be shared in a separate communication. **Please ensure they come in their kits (NO jewellery) on the designated day(s) for PE.**

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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.

Your child will NOT bring home a school reading book, we will continue to use our E-books (Bug Club and Oxford Owls). They will be reading in class and you will be directed to the appropriate texts, as you have been during lockdown.

Classroom Environment

Classrooms will continue to be set out as they were during the Autumn term with very minimal furniture. Children will not be able to sit in groups or learn alongside each other and there will be some resources that cannot be used.

As before, 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.

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The Government decision to re-open schools will only work if we ALL work together to follow the rules. You play a key role in helping to keep schools open by your behaviour and actions.

Please can we remind you of the following:

- Only **ONE** adult per child on the school site please. We understand that siblings of primary aged children need to come with you, but secondary aged pupils should wait outside too. This limits the number of adults on the site.
- Please ensure your child/children stay with you as you enter and exit the site and as you wait.
- Unless you are exempt (you should be wearing a sunflower lanyard if this is the case), please wear a face covering when you come onto the school site. We appreciate you are outside, but we should all be trying to reduce the risk of infection to ourselves and others.
- If you need to come into school, you **MUST** call the school office outside to check you are able to come in. You **MUST** wear a face covering when in the school building (unless you are exempt).
- Please follow the one-way systems to minimise contact with others.
- Maintain a 2m distance when queuing and please be respectful i.e. NO QUEUE JUMPING.
- Do not enter the marked boxes outside of the classrooms. These are there to maintain a 2m distance to protect you and my staff. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, then contact the school office and we will ensure they call you back as soon as they are able to.
- Please do not come earlier than the times stated in your information packs. The timings have been organised to limit the number of adults on site at any one time and we do not want to create a queue on the public footpath.

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

Thank you for your support.

Take care

Mrs Waters