

1st July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome some of our Year 3 and Year 5 children back to school earlier this week.

For the safety of all our children and members of staff it is essential that procedures detailed in our previous letter are adhered to. Please be reminded of the following:

Arriving at school

Parents and children should only arrive at school at their allocated time slot and should not be waiting around outside the school gates. If your child has siblings who attend the nursery you should drop your nursery child off at the time your school age child is allocated for attending school and not prior to this. The nursery are aware of this and if you ring the nursery bell they will allow your child entry. You should then continue around the one way system to drop off your school age child. Nursery have also agreed that, should you wish to do so, you may collect your nursery child at the same time as you collect their sibling. As part of our school risk assessment, **parents should bring and collect their own children only and are NOT permitted to bring children from outside of their household.**

Social Distancing

As it stands at present, the 2m social distancing rule is still in place and does not reduce to 1m+ until 4th July 2020. After this date 1m is only acceptable with mitigation such as face masks, standing back to back etc otherwise we will still need to maintain 2m distancing. We would request that the 2m social distancing is adhered to both on site and whilst queuing outside before the gates are open.

Parents on site

Only one parent is permitted onto site to bring their child to school and we ask that, wherever possible, siblings do not attend the school grounds. If siblings do need to attend and they are under school age, where possible, they should be in a buggy/pushchair. Whilst it is lovely to see them toddling along, this delays those behind them and does not assist with adherence to social distancing measures. Siblings of secondary school age are not permitted on site.

Smoking/Vaping

This is strictly only off site but also, in consideration of our other parents, should also not be taking place while queuing and waiting to enter school premises.

School Uniform

School uniform should be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, although the children do not need to wear ties. On Tuesday and Thursday PE kit may be worn. Any changes to this will be communicated to you in the normal way.

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Play Equipment

Can we remind you that nobody is permitted on any play equipment in any playground at any time and, at this time, nobody is permitted to use any seating available such as benches or gazebos.

If you have initially decided to not send your child(ren), who are in Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6, to school but later change your mind, please contact the school office to make the necessary arrangements for your child to return. Please be aware that this may not be an immediate return to school as we must adhere to social distancing and may have to alter the timetables and days that children attend school in order to accommodate them.

Currently there are no plans to bring Year 2 and Year 4 back into school before September. If this changes we will let you know as soon as we have further information. Should this happen, it is likely that we would need to reduce the hours our current children attend.

We are working hard putting plans in place for September and we will write to you again shortly with further information.

Thank you to everybody that has been following the guidelines, failure to do so, however, may mean that we will need to ask you to refrain from sending your child to school at this time.

Kind regards

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