



ELLEN WILKINSON

Primary School

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: School in September

We are now in the position to confirm return details for September after Governing Body approval of proposals last week. Thank you for your patience whilst this has taken place.

The return to school plan has been created in line with the updated guidance for schools (links are below) and our risk assessment has been updated to reflect this.

Actions for schools – guidance for full opening

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Link for EYFS specific guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

As attending school daily becomes a legal requirement from September, we realise that as much everyone wants their child to return to school this can be an anxious time. Therefore, we have created a new frequently asked questions sheet to help you understand what changes have been made and why.

To summarise the main changes are:

- All children need to attend school from the start of term (including their induction sessions).
- Induction sessions and staggered start dates are being used to help children get used to being back in school without being overwhelmed and giving time to understand new restrictions.
- Start and end times are staggered to avoid crowding.
- Multiple gates are being used to avoid crowding.
- Parents are only allowed on site by invitation.
- All class bubbles will be 30 children.
- Each area will be allocated a shared central space, toilets and lunch space, making an area bubble.
- Cooked school dinners will resume (but with more limited menu and staggered lunch times).
- Classes (years 1-6) have been put into rows so children are not facing each other.
- Each child will be given their own resource pack so they are not sharing pencils etc.
- Children should be encouraged to social distance where possible but don't need to.
- Adults should maintain social distance from each other & ideally children where possible.
- Uniform should be worn but on PE days children should come in PE kit (see FAQ's for details).

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- There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs in September but we are looking at how we can reintroduce these with the current restrictions.
- No mass events at the moment that includes assemblies.

We know this is a lot to take in which is why it is important to spend time going through the Frequently Asked Questions guide (FAQs).

If you have any other queries or questions please contact your year group email so we can get back to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter and we look forward to welcoming all children back in September.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Ferguson

Headteacher