



Returning To School In September

Dear Parents & Carers

On Wednesday 2nd September we fully intend to welcome back all pupils to school following the government and Local Authority guidance. Staff and Governors have been working together to review and formulate our school risk assessment to make sure we keep everyone as safe as possible.

Many of the things outlined below are going to be exactly the same in every single school as they in the guidance sent to all schools. Some of these measures are the same as the measures we are adhering to in wider life such as more frequent handwashing and the need to be aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID 19 and some are measures which as a school we would never usually expect to have to do, such as requesting that parents cannot enter the school building. Sadly, until this awful period is over we have no choice but to carry out what we told we must do.

On a positive note the children who have been in school already have shown how resilient they are and that what we can offer to make sure our pupils are safe and happy learners. It is crucial that we all work together to make sure we all grown in confidence and make this the success we all need it to be.

Everything we have put in place is purely to keep everyone safe and we thank you for your cooperation.

Public health England have requested all schools follow their measures to minimise COVID 19 risks in school which are:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Active engagement with NHS track and trace
- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Getting in and out of school

We will be staggering the start and end of the school day to ensure that classes of children can come into school and out of school using their own entrance and exits.

Class	Start/Finish Time	Entrance/Exit
Rainbows	8:45– 11:45 12:15–3:15	Rainbows
Nursery	8:45– 11:45 12:15–3:15	Nursery Door
Reception	9:00 3:15	Rainbows Willows exit
1	8:45–3:00	Key Stage 1
2	9:00 –3:15	Key Stage 1
3	8:45–3:00	Key Stage2
4	9:00–3:15	Hall
5	8:45–3:00	Hall
6	9:00–3:15	Key Stage 2

Years 1 and 2

Reception & Rainbows

Years 4 & 5

Years 3 and 6

Nursery

Please note there will be a one way system along the drive, please keep to the left!

What will school do to keep my child safe?

Pupils will be taught within their classes; the timetable and structure of the day has been redesigned to keep each class separate from each other as far as possible. Staff working with each class or group will be tracked and limited to a small number of classes/groups throughout the week.

Each year group will have staggered start and end times to the school day, each using a different entrance/exit to school. Playtimes and lunchtimes will also be staggered. Strict cleaning regimes will be in place between sittings.

Only one adult per family is permitted on the school site at one time. Face masks should not be worn in school.

When collecting your child from their allocated exit, please stand away from the door; your child will come to you.

Only one adult is permitted to drop a child off at school; parents are required to adhere to social distancing rules and gatherings of adults will not be allowed.

Sadly, parents will not be permitted to enter the school building; contact should be made via the telephone or email. Only essential visitors (linked to Health & Safety) will be permitted entry to school.

A thorough cleaning risk assessment has been developed and a cleaning regime is in place to manage the additional expectations around cleaning and hygiene practices.

As soon as children enter school they will wash their hands or use hand sanitizer provided by school.

Within school, equipment will be kept with individual pupils and classes where possible. Where equipment has to be shared across school, it will be cleaned and set aside for a number of hours/days based upon governmental guidance, before it is used again.

There will be no whole school gatherings such as assemblies until we are told we are able to do so, when we are allowed to have one you'll hear it for miles around!

Personal Protective equipment will be used to administer first aid or to provide intimate care if the 2 metre distance cannot be maintained. A personal risk assessment may need to be in place depending upon your child's needs to assess how they can remain as safe as possible within the school environment.

What else do I need to know?

Our normal uniform policy will be in place. When your child is doing PE they will come into school wearing their PE kit.

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a hat & sun cream or a waterproof and wellies as we will be outside for a lot of the time. Each class has a section of outdoor space allocated to them. Children will be outside wherever possible so please ensure they have the appropriate clothing and footwear.

Children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water. It will be returned home every evening. It should be washed every night with hot, soapy water at home.

Nothing non-essential should be brought into school. Children will only need their book bag, water bottle and packed lunch box if required.

Children will be reminded throughout the day of the measures in place to keep them safe; they will have lots of opportunities for activities related to wellbeing. If a child consistently does not follow procedure, a risk assessment will be put in place. If they present any danger to themselves or others, parents will be contacted and a way forward agreed to ensure everyone's safety.

Wrap around care

To get everyone into school safely we hope to start these sessions from 14th September onwards. They will take place in the dining hall. We will require that places are booked 1 week in advance and paid for at this time.

Breakfast Club

7:45—8:45 £3 including breakfast

8:10—8:45 £1.50

After School Care

3:15—4:15 £3

4:15—5:00 £1 extra

Reading all of this stark wording is a lot to take in, please be assured we have thought everything through to the smallest of details.

We will be regularly reviewing everything to make sure it provides the absolute best care for our pupils and the wider community and we long for the day to come when things can be more normal.

Please take care and look after yourselves, Mr Walton

