

Welcome back to school

We were delighted to welcome all the children today into school after the holidays. Everyone is looking so smart and sensible. A special welcome to all of our reception class who have already settled brilliantly on their first day and also a special welcome to all the new starters that we have dotted around the school.

Return to school Letter

I hope that you have all managed to access the letter which we texted to you on Wednesday. It contained important information in relation to COVID changes and the school approach. I have copied some of the information here for you.

Entrance to school

Our start times are as follows:

8.45am - 9.00am - staggered start times continue at the various gates and at the previously allocated times. Please note that children who were coming into school at 8.55am should be getting into school for 8.55am as the gates will close promptly at 9am.

Please note that children should continue to be dropped off at the gates and staff will accompany them into school. This system has worked very well and has many benefits.

Exit from school (this will be monitored and reviewed regularly)

Our pick up arrangements will revert back to 'pre-covid' times with parents collecting their children outside of the classrooms at 3.15pm. (3.10 for Rec and Y1)

The gates will be opened at 3.05pm. Please do not come any earlier so that we avoid crowds gathering and exit as soon as possible. Masks, although not mandatory, are optional and some parents may wish to continue to use masks. Please be mindful of others, find a safe spot and spread out. Remember that you can stay outside the school gates until the class is out as this will generate more space.

3.10pm - Reception outside of the classroom to the side by IT entrance (please note that Reception children are not staying full day initially)

3.10pm - Y1 outside of classroom

3.15pm - Y2 Playground (please use church gate if possible)

3.15pm - Y3 outside of classroom

3.15pm - Y4 playground (please use church gate if possible)

3.15pm - Y5 & Y6 outside classroom (please use Steerscroft gate if possible)

Please be aware that, for the immediate future and until further notice, we will be maintaining the following systems:

- Our 'bubble' structure will predominantly remain in place and there will be no unnecessary mixing of classes (although some group work may begin to take place)
- Visits to school will be **by appointment only** and all visitors will be required to **wear a mask**. Please do not approach teaching staff after school. All entrance to school will be via the school office and visitors will be required to sign in
- The wearing of masks is now optional for both staff and parents, however staff may still be instructed to wear masks at pertinent times
- Children will continue to come into school on PE days in their PE kit
- Lunch times will continue to be staggered

PE Kits

The new PE tops are now in school and hopefully your child will bring theirs home either today or tomorrow. Please make sure that you label these as soon as possible. We are really pleased with the design and the children will all look so smart. Shorts and jogging bottoms are to be purchased by parents themselves and PE kits are to be worn on PE days. See below for the days.

Please be mindful that in the winter children will need to revert back to jogging bottoms if they are wearing shorts

PE Days

Reception - No PE session initially but otherwise Monday

Year 1 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday and

Thursday - swimming

Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday and Friday

