



HEAD OF SCHOOL
N. Hair – BA QTS NPQH

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to receiving all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March. We appreciate that remote learning has been a challenge for many pupils and families and we look forward to getting the children back into their classes and allowing the children to work alongside their classmates. I can imagine that they are all very much looking forward to seeing their friends!

I would like to reassure you that most routines in school will be very similar to the Autumn term to ensure the children have a smooth transition back into school life. Children will remain in class bubbles as much as possible to reduce the amount of contacts within each bubble. However, Year 6 will continue to be in a year group bubble to allow the children to be within their English and maths teaching groups. Children in Nursery and Reception will also mix at times throughout the day to allow the children to access continuous provision and meet the learning needs of all children in EYFS.

We have made some slight changes to the arrival and departure times for most children. This will mean that children who have siblings in school will not need to wait as long for collection. Both entrances are still in use and the one-way system is still in place. Please see the information below and read carefully.

The School day

Year Group	Start time	Finish/ Collection time
N	8:30	11:30 (am nursery) 3:20 - 3:30 (pm nursery)
R	8:40	3:00
Y1	8:45	3:10
Y2	8:50	3:20
Y6	8:40	3:05
Y4	8:45	3:10
Y5	8:50	3:15
Y3	8:55	3:20

- To support families with siblings we are asking that you drop all your children off at the earliest time for your family. (e.g. If you have a child in Y1 and Y3 - you would drop both children off at 8:45 as this is the earlier time)
- Families with siblings need to collect their children at the latest time. (E.g. If you have a child in R and Y5 you would need to collect the children at 3:15)
- Children without siblings need to stick to the start and end times in the table above.

- We are asking parents to ensure that they do not arrive early on the yards or outside the school gates to ensure we are following the Government's request of social distancing and staggered arrival times. Please be careful when parking near the school entrance.
- Please stay to the right and in a single file when using paths that have traffic in both directions to allow people to pass each other quickly.
- Only **1 person is allowed on site** to collect children, this includes older siblings from secondary schools.
- It is vital that children arrive on time for school as it will avoid parents and children going through the office. The office is open for telephone calls and emails only. Class teachers can be contacted on Class Dojo during staff working hours but I must stress that staff are working with children all day and will pick these notifications up in their breaks. If you wish to contact someone immediately you must go through the school office.

Other important information

- Children can bring their snack in a container and packed lunches are allowed in packed lunch boxes (no need for separate disposable bags).
- Children must bring their own water bottle to school.
- Children will be carrying out PE lessons each week and must wear the school PE kit on their PE day.
- Children must **not** bring toys/ extra equipment into school to further reduce the risk of transmission.
- Children in the Year Groups 1 - 3 need to bring their wellies back to school so we can allow children to play in muddy areas.
- Children in Year Groups 4 - 6 need to bring in either wellies or a pair of old trainers so they can access muddy areas in school.

The full school risk assessment has been revisited and adapted to the full opening of school on March 8th and we will continue to follow strict guidelines on hand hygiene. Primary school staff are now involved in carrying out lateral flow tests twice weekly including all visiting teachers.

As the weather improves we will be able to utilise our lovely grounds more effectively and we are beginning to put in place some of the activities linked to our OPAL project. We will be in touch with you about this after we have settled back into school life.

We hope that all children continue to engage with home learning for 1 more week as this will support the children when returning to school. We have a lovely day planned for all children whether they are in school or at home on Thursday 4th March as it is World Book day which we are very much looking forward to and hope we can all enjoy.

I hope that the above information has answered many of your questions but please do get in touch with school if you have any concerns. You may receive specific information from your class teachers via Class Dojo.

Once again, I am very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

Kind regards

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