



3rd September 2020

Dear Parent/Carers of children in Y1-Y6,

As we get ready to welcome children back into the school I just wanted to update you on what we have done to ensure all children, staff and families are kept as safe as possible. I have placed a copy of our latest Risk Assessment on the website under the Parents' Page tab (this details what we perceive the dangers to be and what we have done about it). The school was open for 5 of the 6 weeks in the Summer holiday for organising how the school will work, building works and deep cleaning, we have put every effort into doing 'this' right!

As we have been saying amongst the staff all week, we will look after each other by working **together** – that is staff, pupils and parents. We have implemented strict cleaning and personal handwashing routines and we need the children to do this as well. The 'destination' wash (washing and sanitising their hands as the first thing they do in school each day) is the most important action we can take – and when your child arrives home they should wash and sanitise immediately as well. Please use the link below to practise with your children before they come into school:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lisgnbMfKvI>

We will be able to make school as safe as humanly possible only by **working together** and get back to guiding and educating our children to the best of our ability.

Friday 4th September 2020 only:

Y6 children are asked to come in via the back gate in **Tarling Road at 8.30am** and they will be sent home at 3.10pm from the same gate. Lunch is as normal. They are **NOT** to bring a school bag or PE kit in **just a named water bottle** – this is so we minimise the risk of germs moving between home and school.

There will also be **Early Years** visits from children who have not been to the school before – entering via the **Nursery gate**.

From Monday 7th September 2020

- **Y5 & Y6** children are asked to come in via the back gate in **Tarling Road at 8.30am** and they will be sent home at 3.10pm from the same gate. If you collect your child you can come into KS2 playground from 3pm: a member of SLT will show you where to wait. Lunch is as normal. Again, children will **NOT** bring a school bag or PE kit in **just a named water bottle** – this is so we minimise the risk of germs moving between home and school.



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From Tuesday 8th September 2020

- **Y3 & Y4** children are asked to come in via the back gate in **Tarling Road at 8.40am** and they will be sent home at 3.20pm from the same gate. If you collect your child you can come into KS2 playground from 3pm and a member of SLT will show you where to wait. Lunch is as normal. Children are **NOT** to bring a school bag or PE kit in **just a named water bottle** – this is so we minimise the risk of germs moving between home and school. **Y5 & Y6 come in as above.**

From Wednesday 9th September 2020 (Y3,4,5&6 come in as above).

Y1 & Y2 children are asked to come in via the **main gate** in Ruscoe Road at **8.40am**:

Y2 parents come in and say goodbye in the area where the bike rack is. They will be sent home at 3.15pm from the same gate. Parents are to wait for their child in the area where the bike shed is.

Y1 parents are invited to walk their children all the way round to their class – there will be staff available to show you the way. Collection will be from the area where the bike shed is and there will be staff waiting to show you where to go. Lunch is as normal. They are **NOT** to bring a school bag or PE kit in **just a named water bottle** – this is so we minimise the risk of germs moving between home and school.

General Information

- **PARENTS – please remember to socially distance as you drop-off – you may need to wait a few extra seconds as families in front of you say their goodbyes. You have been fantastic so far and I know you will all set the right example.**
- **If your child has a temperature of 37.8c and above your child will be sent home immediately.** I am sure you understand why we are taking this precaution. Also, if your child displays a new and persistent cough or has lost taste or smell, they will also be sent home. There will be more advice regarding potential illness next week.
- **If you are called by the school to take your child home because of a suspected case of Covid-19 , you will need to pick them up as FAST AS POSSIBLE as this will have become a Public Health issue and you yourself and the rest of your family unit will have to self-isolate.**
- **The government advice is, if you can, to please avoid using public transport. Walking will be much safer if you can manage it.**



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- We aim to start Breakfast Club from the week of Mon. 14th September but this will have to be organised in 'Phase/Bubble' groups which makes it really difficult. After school clubs are even more difficult to arrange in Phase/Bubbles. Watch out for a Google form next week asking whether you need before or after-school care. If you work from home I would ask you not to use clubs whilst we gain 'control' of our new systems – all of this requires extra staffing which is very difficult for our small but dedicated staff, so I would ask for your support in this.

I cannot stress this enough: all these procedures are put in place to protect ALL children, staff and parents - they are non negotiable.

I am sure you will understand that we have to prepare for '*worst case scenarios*'. However, I feel that it is unlikely that, given the new rates of infection and transmission (and being disciplined in our precautions regime), we see any incidents between now and the Summer holidays.

If you have any queries please email me directly on

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Let's stay safe together

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