



*Guide to  
returning to school in  
September 2021  
for parents and carers*



# *Nursery*

*Nursery children will continue to come into nursery using the same gate you have been using this year.*



## ***Morning start:***

*A member of our nursery staff will open the gate at 8.55 am and the gate will be locked at 9.05 am.*

*Any arrivals after this time will need to come to the main school entrance to be let in as a late arrival.*

## ***Afternoon start:***

*A member of our nursery staff will open the gate at 12.15 pm and the gate will be locked at 12.25 pm.*

*Any arrivals after this time will need to come to the main school entrance to be let in as a late arrival.*



## ***Collection:***

*Children will be brought to the gate at 12 noon at the end of morning sessions and 3.15pm at the end of afternoon sessions.*

*You will be able to come into the garden from September to say goodbye to your child at the Nursery door. A member of staff will be available if you need to pass on any information.*

*We have found this year that there are so many advantages to children coming straight into Nursery by themselves:*

- *We have a very settled routine in place where children come into Nursery and start their day sitting on the rug straight away, ready to start their session*
- *Starting their sessions at 9.00 am and 12.15 pm maximises all learning opportunities*
- *Children's independence is enhanced by coming into Nursery by themselves and they settle a lot more quickly when they know that they wave to you at the door and get ready to start their day straight away*



*Please make sure to bring your child on time to Nursery for a 9.00 am or 12.15 pm start every day to help them to start their day in a positive way, knowing what they will be doing. Thank you.*

# **School**

*All children will return to arriving and being collected at the same time in September. There will be no more staggered starts or collection times.*

*We will be keeping the one-way system in place. Please enter the school yard down the side of the Community Centre, keep at a distance as you drop your child at their school entrance on the yard and exit from the gate leading to the back lane.*

***Please socially distance as much as possible from other parents and carers and leave the yard as soon as you have dropped your child off. Thank you.***

***Gate will open at 8.50 am.***

***Gate will be closed at 9.05 am.***

*Children should enter the gate before 9.00 am and walk straight into school and to their classroom where their teacher will be ready. Lockers will remain in classrooms for children to keep their coat and belongings safe.*

*Children arriving after 9.10 am will be marked as late.*

***At home time, all classes will finish at 3.15 pm.***

*Please assemble on the main school yard to collect your child and distance as much as possible.*

*Children in Classes 1 and 2 will be able to leave the classroom when the member of staff at the door sees you on the yard ready to collect your child.*

*Children in Classes 3, 4T and 4W will be brought to the yard.*

***Please make sure you stand away from the sides of the building so children can access the yard freely and members of staff can see you clearly. Thank you.***

# ***PE***

*One of the changes to routines due to Covid-19 restrictions that has been very beneficial to all is children arriving to school in PE kits on those days where they have PE. We would like to carry out a trial this year to see if we can incorporate this into our usual practice.*

*The benefits of coming into school wearing a PE kit are numerous:*

- *It maximises time spent on physical activity, by cutting out time spent on changing at the start and end of each lesson.*
- *There has been a significant reduction in items of school uniform and PE kits lost or taken by mistake. This has saved a huge amount of time for you, children and staff looking for missing items.*
- *It raises the profile of PE in school and helps children to understand the importance of sport in leading an active, healthy lifestyle.*
- *It evens out wear and tear on uniforms and PE kits, making school uniform last a little longer, and getting maximum wear out of PE kit.*

***We need the support of all families to make sure that the correct uniform is worn on the correct days so that children always look smart.***

# *PE Kit from September 2021*

*Two days each week, children will come to school wearing their PE Kit.*

*The other three days, they must come to school wearing usual school uniform.*

## *PE Kit consists of:*

*School uniform white or dark green polo shirt*

*School uniform dark green jumper or cardigan*

*Plain black leggings or tracksuit bottoms. These must be plain black with no coloured decorations or images.*

*Plain black trainers or appropriate sport shoe with black laces and no coloured decoration or images.*

## *PE Days*

*Class 1: Wednesday and Thursday*

*Class 2: Monday and Wednesday*

*Class 3: Tuesday and Friday*

*Class 4T: Tuesday and Friday*

*Class 4W: Tuesday and Friday*

# *Uniform*

*We would like to ensure a feeling of community and identity within our school. For this reason, we ask children to wear the following uniform.*

## ***Clothing***

*Bottle green school jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan*

*Bottle green or white polo shirt*

*Black or dark grey school trousers*

*Black or dark grey school skirt*

*Black or dark grey school pinafore*

*Plain religious dress in school colours*

*Plain dark coloured or white socks*

*Summer dresses in green and white stripes or gingham*



## ***Footwear***

*Plain black school shoes*

*Plain black boots*

*Plain black trainers with no colour (or minimal)*

*Black or dark coloured laces only*



*Learning topics for Autumn Term:*

*Nursery: Colours*

*Class 1: Colours*

*Class 2: Past and Present*

*Class 3: Romans Rock*

*Class 4T and 4W: Past and Present*



*Dinner money will be £2.15 a day from September.*



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