

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

*I hope that you and your families are all well and have had a restful summer break.*

*We have been busy preparing for the Autumn term in September 2021 and we look forward to welcoming back our children in Years 1 to 6 back on the 2nd of September. Children in Nursery and Reception will be starting school later than the other children; the EYFS staff have informed parents/carers of the date and time that your children will start school.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT BREAKFAST CLUB AND THE PAID AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL MONDAY THE 6<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER.**

*The latest government guidance and advice tell us that we will be returning to normal school arrangements in the new term. This includes the start and finish times to the school day. Please note the following information:*

- *The school gates in the playground will open at 8.45 am - children can start coming into school at that time and will go straight to their classes.*
- *All children should be in school by 8.55 am. The school gates will be locked by the latest at 9.00 am.*
- *We ask that parents/carers drop their children off and leave the school gates clear.*
- *If children are late, they will have to go to the front gate in Green Street with their parents/carers and inform the office staff who will ensure that children come into school and go to their classes.*

**ARRIVAL IN THE MORNING:**

**Children will come in via the gates they are currently using which is as follows:**

**Year 1, 2 and 3 via the new playground gate**

**Year 4, 5 and 6 via the old playground gate**

**Reception and Nursery children will come in via the old playground gate and drop their children off to their teachers at the nursery gate.**

**Children in Years 1 to 6 will be collected from the playground at 3.15 pm**

**Children in Nursery and Reception will be collected from the Nursery gate.**

**DISMISSING CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE DAY:**

**Class teachers will bring their children out onto the playground at 3.15 pm and line them up in their designated areas. Parents can come into the playground to collect their children but again we ask that once you have collected your children that you leave promptly.**

**In order to keep the risk of infection to a minimum, at present we are not inviting parents into the school building unless this has been agreed beforehand.**

**Children in the different year groups can be collected from the same gates that will be used for arrival in the mornings.**

**Class teachers will advise you about the designated PE days for your child's class. We are happy for the children to continue to wear their PE kit to school on the day/s they have a PE lesson.**

**COVID CASES PROCEDURE:**

***Please note the following procedures should anyone in your family have symptoms of COVID or test positive for it.***

- *If your child has symptoms please keep them at home for the required period of 10 days and get them tested.*
- *If a lateral flow test shows a positive result then follow this up with a PCR test within 2 days of the lateral flow test. If the PCR test result is positive then your child will continue to isolate. If the PCR test is negative then your child can return to school. We will need to see evidence of a test result before allowing the child back to school.*
- *If a positive case is received and the school are informed then only the child who is positive will isolate – the rest of their class or year group will not need to isolate.*
- *If someone in your family other than your child tests positive for COVID then your child does not need to isolate and can continue coming to school as long as they do not have symptoms.*
- *Please continue to monitor your children regularly.*
- *If your child develops symptoms whilst at school then they will be put into isolation and wait there until the parent/carer arrives to collect them.*
- *If you wish for your child to be tested at school then we will need your permission to do this with a lateral flow test as this gives an instant result.*

*We will continue to work together as a school community to ensure that we can run the school effectively as well as keeping everybody safe and well.*

*Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation.*

*God Bless*

*Mr P Underwood*

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