



3rd September 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Autumn term of 2020; I hope that you have had a good break over the summer. 2020 has been a strange time with many pupils not being at school since 20th March due to Covid-19. As we approach the new term, we look forward to welcoming ALL pupils back on Wednesday 9th September.

During this period of change, we understand that some children may feel worried or anxious about returning to school. Please let me reassure you that we understand and our main priority is supporting their well-being and resilience. Our aim is to quickly make children feel safe and secure in their school environment whilst keeping the health and safety controls from last term in place. We have considered all aspects of health and safety closely and the main points are as follows:

- Drop off/ pick up at the main gate (maintaining social distancing). A member of staff will be on the gate from 8.45am to navigate the children to their classrooms. For Class 1, Mrs Rees will come and meet parents, accompanying them to Class 1 outside area. Parents are unable to come into the classroom.
- Classes eat lunch (packed lunches from home to begin with) in their own classrooms
- No visitors into school/ trips out - this includes parents/carers on site
- Limited resources assigned to class groups and cleaned after use
- Deep cleaning daily and regular cleaning in classrooms and communal areas to minimise potential virus spread
- Windows will remain open to provide a flow of fresh air – please ensure that your child has a jumper and a coat to prevent them from getting cold

Although we will be operating as one 'whole school bubble' there will be key stage 'micro-groups' within the bubble that will learn and eat lunch separately.

We expect ALL pupils to return to school from 9th September. Those previously considered vulnerable or shielding can now return to school. We are returning to full school uniform and all pupils will need their PE kit (a separate letter from the Class 2 teacher will advise further on PE kit). For Class 2 PE kit should stay in school as the children need to practise their dressing skills. As always, please ensure that your child is prepared for all weather conditions with a waterproof coat/ sun cream applied at home etc. There is no expectation for children to wear face masks.

Resources and equipment

Children will once again have access to reading books. There will be 'lending/ return days' for all children on a Monday and Friday (books packs for early readers). This allows for returned books to be placed into a quarantine box for 72 hours before being

passed to other children. School books will be brought back and exchanged on these days only. **Children should not bring any other items from home into school.** Stationary packs will be provided for each child in school. Wider resources, such as Maths equipment, will be shared across the class but not from class to class. These resources will be cleaned regularly as will the tables, chairs and surfaces regularly touched such as door handles.

Illness and First Aid

If a child becomes ill, normal procedures will apply; parents should contact the school before 9am and if they become ill at school parents will be contacted as needed. If a child or an adult displays Covid-19 symptoms, they will be quarantined in a first aid room. The staff member administering first aid will wear PPE and check their temperature. Parents/Carers will be contacted immediately and asked to collect their child and have them tested for Covid-19. We will then follow Public Health guidance with regard to any further action.

Remember, if your child is unwell with Covid symptoms or is subject to quarantine following a holiday abroad, please contact the school office to let us know as soon as possible.

I am aware that the changes to school routine may take getting used to by some children. Our staff will, as always, be reassuring and welcoming, supportive and nurturing. We aim to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both children and staff at all times.

Re: Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

Please may we ask for your co-operation in a vitally important matter? One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles. Please consider discussing measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given treatment as soon as possible after contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox.

It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil with cancer may be a serious risk. We depend on the co-operation of all parents and know we can rely on your help.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Whittley', is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Phil Whittley
Executive Headteacher