

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the new year and term - I hope you have all enjoyed the summer period and children are refreshed and excited to return. Welcome to our new EYFS parents and to the children who will be starting next week in the mornings in the EYFS classes.

We are largely moving back to our usual organisation around school, losing bubbles, and returning to normal. We will be sending out a list of dates which will include starting again with parent Sharing Assemblies – on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. The routines of hand washing; cleaning and ventilation will continue.

***Please see the attached flow chart for the new arrangements relating to COVID. I will also be sending out a new COVID Outbreak Contingency Plan before the end of the week so you can see what may change if we have an outbreak within the school community as opposed to odd cases.***

A few key reminders for the first day:

- We ask parents to please try to remain socially distanced in the playground and if approaching a member of staff to remain 2m distant. We ask parents to avoid entering cloakrooms. The wearing of masks is now optional. Thank you.
- EYFS of course do not start until Monday but classroom doors will open at 8.45am. For all other year groups classroom doors will open from 8.35am for a prompt start at 8.45am - remember after this to report in through the office. Please remember to ring the office if your child is not attending.
- This year we are using both gates on Beresford Road and the side lane gate off St John's Road - please do not use the big car park gates for entry and exit where possible. All gates are for entry or exit this year but the front playground gate will not be open - please note this in particular if you are using the drop off point.  
*(See attached 'Classroom Map' for classroom locations for this year)*
- We are back to full uniform. Please send your child in school PE kit on PE days to avoid changing in school - please stick to PE uniform though - yellow T- shirts; green shorts; plain sweatshirts/jogging bottoms - navy, grey or black. Please avoid slogans.
- Please remember to send your child's wellies into school; KS2 children need a change of shoes to wear to go on the field at lunchtime and all children need a raincoat / coat to brave all weathers each day.
- Please ensure you update your child's default meal pattern with the office if it is changing from last term. Please also remember to contact the office if you have any changes in address; phone numbers; email or contacts - or update yourselves on Parentlite.
- A reminder to parents that emails should come via the school office and those parents/carers who are down as first contact are the ones who receive emails / texts.

I hope this gives you some of the key starting back information needed. Please ask at the office or email the office if there is anything you are unsure of and we will be in touch again soon.

Best wishes,

Liz Bassett