



07 September 2020

**RE: Updates for parents & carers**

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for sending in your children last week to school and trusting our staff to keep them safe. I know that it was a serious decision for many families. We have had very good attendance last week and no family has reported that their children are sick or tested positive for Corona Virus. If your child or anyone in your house does have a positive test in the future please let us know by calling the school office.

**Start of the day**

Good news - Our new offer of 30 minutes drop-off time has made a difference to the start of the day for many families so we will continue with this for the next four weeks. Children will be able to arrive any time from **8.30am** onwards. We will also keep using new additional entrance for our year one and reception children to maintain social distancing.

**Catch-up maths-** During this first thirty minutes (8.30-9am) all children will be enjoying catch up maths work on some aspect of number using online learning, group activities or maths games.

Please do remember to send the book bag/coat into school along with the children as we cannot take equipment through the school after 9am.

**Social Distancing**

We are asking adults to be responsible for their own social distancing around the school. Please do respect the space required as you walk into the school playgrounds or entrances. It would be helpful if only one adult collected your child each day rather than multiple family members.



**Lunch times**

Happy lunch times are really important for our children and we are reviewing our approaches this week. We have a professional catering consultant visiting today to give us advice about our menu and approach to serving food in the classrooms.

At present reception and nursery children are eating in the dining hall and have hot meals. The other year groups are eating in their classroom bubbles and are being given a selection of fruit, sandwiches and desserts. We will share the new menu in the near future.

**Parent Meetings**

We are beginning to organise some on-line meetings for adults to speak with the class teachers.

Watch out for these online meetings that will be taking place after school using Zoom. Details will be sent home with your child this week.





**Deciding whether a child should have COVID test.**

Only parents or carers can decide if they should book a test for themselves or their children. School secretaries cannot give medical advice on the telephone about this decision. Please use online NHS guidance or telephone **119** to contact the national helpline.



**Residential - cancellation**

Due to the current guidance on school trips our year six residential has been cancelled and refunds will be sent home this week to the current year six children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

G. F. Elswood  
Executive Headteacher



**Our Academic Year 2020-21**

Tuesday 1st September 2020  
Wednesday 2nd September 2020  
Friday 23rd October 2020

**Half Term**

Monday 2nd November 2020  
December 18th December 2020

**Spring Term**

Monday 4th January 2021  
Tuesday 5th January 2021  
Friday 12th February 2021

**Half Term**

Monday 22nd February 2021  
Thursday 1st April 2021  
Friday 2nd April 2021

**Summer Term**

Monday 19th April 2021  
Monday 3rd May 2021  
Friday 28th May 2021

**Half Term**

Monday 7th June 2021  
Friday 16th July 2021

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