

2 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school tomorrow, 3 September 2020.

I know some of you will have reservations but I can assure you that the school has worked within the government guidance to make the school as safe as it can possibly be. As ever the safety of the children, staff and the wider school community is at the very heart of all decisions that have been made.

Can I please ask all parents to read and understand the reopening procedures that the school published in July. These can be found on the school website and I have attached a copy to this email.

Can I draw your attention to the following:

Infection Prevention and Response

It is vital that you inform the school immediately if your child/children develop any Covid-19 symptoms. In these circumstances, you must arrange for your child/children to be tested. Where symptoms are evident, no member of staff or child will be allowed back into school until they have a negative test result. Parents will need to advise the school of test outcomes as soon as possible. If a family member within your household has symptoms or tests positive, then your child must self-isolate for 14 days and you must contact school to report this.

If a child becomes ill during the school day, with Covid-19 symptoms, we will contact parents and ask you to collect your child immediately. Your child will be placed in isolation until they are collected. You must then arrange for your child/children to be tested. Please ensure we have up to date contact information and that someone is available to collect quickly.

If there is a positive result, the school will contact Public Health England and will act on any advice given. This could mean closing the school at relatively short notice.

Staggered Start and Collection Times

Please make sure you look at the staggered start and collection times. To help us keep numbers of parents at the gate to a minimum please ensure that your child/children arrive and are collected on time.

Face Masks

I know there has been a lot of press coverage regarding face coverings in schools. The government guidance for primary schools is clear. It states that “based on current evidence and the measures that schools are already putting in place, such as the system of controls and consistent bubbles, face coverings will not be necessary in the classroom even where social distancing is not possible. Face coverings would have a negative impact on teaching and their use in the classroom should be avoided.” We therefore ask you not to send your child into school with a facemask. If this guidance changes in the future, I will update the school procedures to reflect this.

Fruit Snack

Can all parents please send their child in with a fruit snack. If the free fruit for reception and KS1 resumes, we will inform you via text.

Handsantiser

Handsantiser will be available in school but if KS2 children would like to bring a small named bottle to keep in their tray then they can do so.

Drinks Bottles

All children will need a drinks bottle in school. Can you please make sure that these are filled with water only.

Uniform

Children should come to school in full school uniform. Uniform does not need to be cleaned any more than normal. PE kits should be in school every day. If your child's PE kit is still in school, they can collect it on the first day back. In accordance with the guidance, classrooms will be ventilated all day even when the weather is cold. Please ensure your child/children are dressed appropriately to keep warm. PE sessions will all be outside so please ensure your child has a pair of tracksuit bottoms in their PE kit.

School Office

Visits to school will still be strictly by appointment only and only if issues can not be sorted out via telephone. Please call the office on 01453 757251 to make an appointment. Do not come into the reception area without prior arrangement.

Mrs. Ravenhill and myself will be out at the gate in the mornings and afternoons. If you have any questions then please ask.

Kind regards

Mr. Bridgewater