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Re opening of school from September 2020

Following on from letter I sent out recently on the re opening of school from September, I am providing an update on procedures and practices which apply from the first day of term on the 3rd September.

Please be aware of the need to minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school. Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 7 days.

If any one pupil in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) during the school day, we will contact you and you must come straight away to school to collect your child. They will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Your child must not come to school if you are unsure as to whether they have any of the above symptoms. Our staff will not let them in the building if they feel that any of these could be the case and you will be told to take them back home.

These are all essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The government have made it clear that attendance is compulsory for all children apart from those where statutory exemptions apply. If your child is self isolating, in line with the guidance above, school need to ensure that they receive access to remote education and their engagement in this will be monitored.

We recognise that pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, such as anxiety, stress or low mood. It is important to contextualise these feelings as normal responses to an abnormal situation. Some pupils may need support to re-adjust to school; others may have enjoyed being at home and be reluctant to return; a few may be showing signs of more severe anxiety or depression. Others will not be experiencing any challenges and will be keen and ready to return to school. We will set aside the first 2 weeks of the new term for all classes to provide a curriculum focusing on social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing support on returning to school.

New measures for arriving at school in a morning

School will now open from 8.45-9.00 for pupils to arrive in the morning with children going straight into their classes on arrival from 8.45am.

Kingfisher, Wagtail, Chickadee and Y5 pupils will go through the gate between school and Daisy Chain. Parents are no longer allowed past this gate. There will be a staff member present at the gate.

Children will go straight into their class from 8.45 accessing school via their class fire exit (hall door for Y5 who will be in the library), washing their hands/using hand sanitiser as they enter the building.

Swan, Penguin and Y6 Hawk pupils can go through the gate at the front of school outside Hawk classroom and walk round school to their classroom, entering via the fire exit door. Again, there will be a staff member present at the gate and no parents are allowed past the gate.

Only one parent to accompany child to school / pick up.

Please ensure that you arrive on time. If you are late then this can be distressing for your child. If you arrive after 9am then the gates will be shut. Our Admin team will phone through to the class and a TA will go round the outside to get the child.

New measures for the end of the school day

We are going to stagger the end of the school day to try to reduce the amount of parents and children being at school at one time.

Pupils in the Kingfisher, Wagtail and Chickadee classes will no longer have an afternoon break and will finish school at 3.05pm.

Y1 Wagtails will go out of their fire door with staff leading the children to the gate between Daisy Chain and school where a parent will be waiting to collect them. Please can Wagtail parents wait in a line keeping as close to the school building as possible, keeping 1m + apart.

YR Kingfisher and Y2 Chickadees will be lead the other way round school to the gate outside Y6 where a parent will be waiting to collect them. Please can parents wait in a line (one line for each class) from the fence backwards on the grass, keeping 1m+ apart from the next person. Please can you ensure that if you have younger children with you that they stand with you at all times and do not wonder around.

We will open the school gates from 3.00. Please can you not gather in groups at the school gates waiting to come in.

If you have a child/ren in the other classes then please wait in a line to collect them when they leave at 3.20pm.

Parents of pupils in the Swan, Penguin and Hawk classes, please do not arrive at school until 3.15pm so that the parents and children of the Kingfisher, Wagtail and Chickadee classes have time to leave the school site.

Y3 Swans will exit via the hall fire escape and will go out of the gate between school and Daisy Chain where a parent will be waiting to collect.

Penguin and Hawk children will go out via their respective fire doors and the green gate outside the Hawk classroom. Please can parents wait in a line clearly marked from the fence (in accordance with procedures for Kingfisher and Chickadee parents above).

Break and Lunch Times

Break and lunch times will be staggered.

Children in the Wagtail, Chickadee and Swam class will have break time between 11.00-11.15 in designated areas of the playground.

Children in the Penguin and Hawk class, inc all Y5 pupils, will have break time between 11.15-11.30am.

Children in the Kingfisher class can have an earlier break time.

We have decided that for the first half term as a minimum, our school meals provider will deliver cold meals only and there will not be a hot option. This allows us to keep pupils in their class bubbles enabling them to eat in classrooms and enables us to stagger lunches without the potential for hot food to get colder. We will take payments for paid meals but ask that you pay for a few weeks in advance so to limit the transaction of money.

Bags

Children are not permitted to bring bags into school. Children will need to bring in lunch (if needed), water bottle, reading folder or book and coat.

Children should not bring stationary into school including pencil cases.

Uniform and PE Kit

Children will wear school uniform. However, if your child has a PE lesson then they should come dressed in their PE Kit.

Children will have PE on the following days:

Wagtail Class	Monday and Tuesday
Chickadee Class	Tuesday and Wednesday
Swan Class	Monday and Wednesday
Penguin Class	Monday and Friday
Hawk Class	Tuesday and Thursday

On the days when your child has PE they should come to school dressed in their PE kit, including wearing trainers. They can have a pair of plimsolls and a spare white polo shirt in their book bag. If the weather is cooler then they can wear their school sweatshirt over their PE top and they can also wear plain dark navy or black jogging bottoms. We plan for all children to do PE outside where possible, weather dependant.

Breakfast and After School Club

We plan for our Breakfast Club and After School Club to open to all pupils from the start of the autumn term and for the hall to be used. Children will be kept apart in these clubs in their class bubbles. We would ask that all payments are made in advance for those sessions where you know you will need either of the clubs to limit money changing hands.

Please can you let school know by Monday 20th July whether you think you may need a space at Breakfast and / or After School Club. This is just to give us an idea on staffing and numbers of pupils. If more pupils require spaces than are available then they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

We would ask that all payments are made in advance for those sessions where you know you will need either of the clubs to limit money changing hands.

Breakfast Club

Please go to the gate between Daisy Chain and school and ring the bell. A member of staff will come to bring your child into school. Parents are no longer allowed past the green gate and we ask that only one parent brings and collects their child.

Children will have to stay seated at their table. We will trial the breakfast that is available but it may be just toast and a drink.

After School Club

If your child needs to attend the After School Club we will not charge for 3.05 – 3.20pm. Again, children will need to stay seated at their table in their class bubbles.

When picking up your child please come to the gate between school and Daisy Chain and ring the bell and a member of staff will come to open the gate.

Department for Education Guidance

Please use the link below to access Information (Published by the Department for Education) for parents and carers about the opening of early years providers, schools and colleges, safety in schools, attendance, transport, school meals and exams.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

If you have any questions then please contact me at school.

Kind Regards

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Headteacher