

***June 2020***

**Newsletter**

***School Update 10.06.20***

It is hard to comprehend that when schools closed to most children from 23rd March, we would still be unable to welcome many children back. We understand that this continues to be a difficult and worrying time for parents, for many reasons. We would like nothing more than to have our whole school community back together but this must be done safely and in response to government and local authority guidance. We’re very grateful to all our parents, who have supported us throughout this time and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to plan our way forward to wider opening for specified year groups.

As you know, we are continuing to offer Childcare for vulnerable children and children of key workers, and our systems and routines for this are well established. We now have approximately 25 children each day accessing Childcare, split into two separate groups.

From Monday 15th June, we are planning to welcome back 2 groups (bubbles) of Reception children. All groups will remain in their own space throughout the day and won’t mix with other groups. Many resources have been removed from classrooms according to government guidance and children will have their own table space and writing/drawing equipment. Where other resources are shared within a bubble, they will be thoroughly cleaned after use. Despite school being very different, we are all committed to helping children feel as comfortable as possible in this ‘new’ environment.

Following further risk assessment, it may be possible to invite Year 1 back to school from 22nd June. We’ll provide information about this next week.

At this point, it is unlikely that we will be able to invite Year 6 back full time due to staffing constraints. We are exploring part-time options at the moment and hope to send more information in the next couple of weeks.

The safety of children, parents and staff is our highest priority and a number of measures have been put in place as a result. Staff have met ‘virtually’ at least weekly to review, update and develop risk assessments and plans. All precautions have been put in place to help prevent the spread of the virus and to ensure that we take as much care as possible in keeping us all safe and well within the school environment.

Like you, we look forward to a time when everyone can return safely. We do not yet know for certain if this will be September as we await direction from the government but we will continue to support children and families as best we can. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.



***Notes to remember if your child is coming to school for Childcare or Year group teaching***

We are grateful for parents’ support with the following school guidelines:

* Only one adult to drop off/pick up – please observe social distancing
* Parents and carers will not be allowed into school unless essential – please use telephone, email or Class Dojo to contact school
* Children need to wear a school top (t-shirt and/or jumper) or dress but school trousers are not necessary this term. Joggers/leggings/trainers etc may be more practical as children will not be changing for physical activity.
* Children MUST bring their own water bottle to school each day and nothing else. Sun cream and hand moisturiser (named) can be sent in to be kept in school.
* A school lunch is preferable, but if your child brings packed lunch, this must be in a disposable bag to limit things being passed between home and school.
* **If your child or anyone in your household displays COVID 19 symptoms, do not send your child to school and please let us know.**



***New Website and Twitter feed!!***

We are delighted that our new website is now up and running. Hopefully you will have discovered the key ‘return to school’ information by clicking on the ‘Welcome Back’ link. If you are unable to find the information you need, don’t hesitate to get in touch. Most recent news will be shared on our Twitter feed. You can keep up to date by following us @WGPStweets

***Behaviour Policy***

Our Behaviour Policy has been updated to include expectations of behaviour with regards to safety during this period with COVID 19. It can be found on the policies page of the school website. Please read before your child returns to school so that you are aware of the expectations. Many thanks

***Class Organisation 2020-2021***

Whilst we cannot be certain what September will look like, we are planning for teachers to be in the following year groups:

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|  | **Teacher** | **Teaching Assistant** |
| Reception | Mrs Hallatt | Mrs Howe, Miss Bainbridge |
| Year 1 | Mrs Hodgson | Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Ford |
| Year 2 | Miss Appleby | Mrs McPherson, Mrs Dubre |
| Year 3 | Mr Burns | Mrs Alvi |
| Year 4 | Mrs Curry | Mrs Bailey |
| Year 5 | Mr Traves | Miss Lockett |
| Year 6 | Miss Howells | Mr Hunter |

Please be aware that this may be subject to change due to external factors.

**School holidays 2020-2021**

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| **Holiday** | **Closing date** | **Date re-open for teaching purposes** |
| Summer holidays 2020 | Friday 17th July | Wednesday 2nd September 2020 |
| October half term | Friday 23rd October 2020 | Monday 2nd November 2020 |
| Training Day | Friday 27th November 2020 | Tuesday 1st December 2021 |
| Christmas 2020 | Friday 18th December 2020 | Monday 4th January 2021 |
| Spring half term | Friday 12th February 2021 | Monday 22nd February 2021 |
| Easter 2021 | Friday 26th March 2021 | Monday 12th April 2021 |
| May Day 2021 | Friday 30th April 2021 | Tuesday 4th May 2021 |
| Summer half term 2021 | Thursday 27th May 2021 | Monday 7th June 2021 |
| Summer 2021 | Friday 16th July 2021 | TBC |