



Newsletter

September 2020

**WELCOME
BACK!**

We are so pleased to have welcomed all children back to school. Since they've returned, they have impressed us by the way they have adapted to the changes in school and have very quickly become familiar with new routines and systems. It's been wonderful watching the children spend time with their friends again; enjoying fun, exercise and sunshine at break times. In the classrooms, they have settled quickly back to learning with many demonstrating a great work ethic. Our Reception children have also made such a positive start, showing independence and curiosity for learning from the start. Well done everyone!

New Routines

We are sure you will understand that no matter how much planning and preparation we have done to make the return to school a smooth and safe one, there was still a little apprehension as we approached the first day! We have made a couple of tweaks to routines since then, which has been successful and we continue to monitor how everything is working. We would also like to say a huge thank you to parents for fully supporting what we have put in place, especially around pick up and drop off times. We understand this can be tricky, especially if you have children in different year groups, but it is necessary to try to keep groups of children separate. In order to make pick up and drop off times as safe as possible, we ask that parents and carers...

- Ensure only ONE adult collects your child
- Arrive at the designated gate within the specific time slot. Please avoid arriving late to your time slot as this leads to too many people waiting
- Keep social distance from others that are waiting
- Leave the area as soon as your child is collected





Keeping in Touch

Whilst we are not able to invite parents into school without a pre-arranged appointment, we do want to keep up channels of communication. As you know, we are continuing to use Class Dojo so that teachers and parents can communicate messages and information. If you have any concerns or queries, just message your child's teacher. Teachers will respond during regular 'office hours' as soon as they can, but please bear in mind they are likely to be teaching all day too so may not be able to get back to you immediately.

You can also email or telephone school with queries or request a call back from a member of staff. If you feel you need to speak with us in person, please make an appointment and we will try to accommodate this.

Class Dojo will also be used to send newsletters and other information from school. If you are not able to access, let us know so that we can help. We don't want you to miss out on important information.

COVID 19 Procedures

Thank you to all families for letting us know if your child or anyone in your family displays symptoms and taking the appropriate action. As yet, there have been no confirmed COVID 19 cases within our school but we would always let you know should this happen.

There are a number of sniffles and colds about at the moment, but as you know, we are asked to look out for the following 3 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child displays any of these symptoms in school, we will contact you straight away. Please let us know if you change your contact details.

Do not send your child to school if they or anyone in your household displays these symptoms. Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

Where a child or a member of their household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, they must stay at home and 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 10 or until they receive a negative test result and feel well. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should also **self-isolate for 14 days** from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

School holidays 2020-2021

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