Dear Parents/ Carers

We are really looking forward to opening the school for all children in September. The school may still feel a bit different but we will all get used to the ‘new normal’.

In preparation for September, please find below some guidance that I hope you will find useful. This guidance applies to the Autumn Term. We will contact parents if there are changes to these arrangements. The website will also be updated – via a new tab ‘Sept opening’

Classes

All classes will return.

Robins will be in their usual classrooms – with Ms Rowe and Mrs Davis

Woodpeckers will be in their usual classroom – but the teaching team will look a little different. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the teaching team will be Mrs Blackman and Mrs Acland. On Thursday and Friday, the teaching team will be Mrs Stanton and Mrs Carter. Mrs Stanton is a new member of staff but many of the children will know Mrs Carter from Pippins (Jo).

Wagtails – Y3/4 – will be in the classroom that has been Kingfishers this year – with Miss Kay and Ms Harrington. Miss Roberts will also be based in Wagtails on Weds, Thurs, Fri and Mrs Hodges will be assisting on Mon and Tues.

Kingfishers – Y4/5 – will be in the classroom that has been Kestrels this year – with Mrs James and Mrs Southwell (am)

Kestrels – Y6 - will be in the hall for the Autumn Term – with Mrs Hollis and Mrs Barnes

The layout of the classrooms will continue to look a bit different – as all the desks are facing one way. We will put some photos on the website before the start of the new year.

There will be no whole school collective worship during the Autumn Term. Collective worship will be held in individual classes.

Children will need to wear school uniform.

Children will need to bring in PE Kit – please name all items and store in a small drawstring style bag that can be easily stored in the classroom. All children are encouraged to have trainers for outdoor PE.

Children should not bring additional bags into school.

Entry to school

We will continue with the one-way system to enter school – with drop off at the noticeboard. Any parents accompanying children will be asked to walk up the path with their children and then follow the cones down the driveway to leave the site. Staff will be available at the start of the year to guide parents and children in the right direction.

YR parents – we are still considering an appropriate system for our new parents

We won’t have a staggered start – but the classroom doors will be open from 8.45am. Our start time will be 9.00am. Please ensure your children are ready for the start of a day at 9.00am. It is very disruptive for learning, if children are late.

Lunchtimes

Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms.

Hot food will be served from the usual food trolley – which will be based in the wet area rather than in the school hall. The lunch menus have changed slightly. In September, there will only be 2 options available each day. A copy of the menus can be viewed on the website.

Handwashing/sanitising

We will continue to encourage regular handwashing and sanitising in school.

Sanitising stations will be available in every space/ classroom in the school.

We will also continue the additional cleaning protocols within the school day.

Leaving school

Children will continue to be dismissed from the Recreation Ground – but it will be a less defined stagger.

At 3.15pm the classteachers will lead their class over to the recreation ground where they can be collected by parents/carers.

We will not be sending any work or reading books home with children. For the Autumn Term, homework will be online/videos. A range of on-line reading books will be made available for KS1 children.

BC/ASC

Breakfast Club and After School Club will be starting again in September – so we will be providing wrap around care from 7.30 am – 6.00pm. We will have to limit numbers in this facility so there will be no more than 15 places available. Please book places well in advance as we may not be able to accommodate last minute requests.

Please note the increase in costs for this service. The charge for BC and ASC will be £4.50 per hour. (The charges that were in place last year were well below other comparable facilities and were not sustainable.)

Additional information

There will be no trips during the Autumn Term

We are not planning to hold any services next term – but we will put together some materials on video that can be shared between the classes, and with parents. More details will be available in September.

We will not be holding a ‘Meet the Teacher’ event at the beginning of the school year – but each classteacher will post the materials they would have shared on the website (w/b 7th Sept).