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Dear Parents / Carers

Returning to school – everything you need to know

We are taking a cautious approach to re-opening the school so many of the systems that we had in place in September have remained. We think this is the sensible approach to take at the moment – but will be reviewing this at the end of term.

The school gates will open at 8.45am. The children are expected to be ready to start their learning at 9.00am.

We will be continuing the rolling entry system at the start of the day. Parents are asked to respect the 2m social distancing markers and are asked to leave children at the noticeboard by the main entrance.

There have been some changes to the structure of our classes:

- YR will be taught by Ms Rowe in their usual classroom. We are pleased that Ms Rowe has recovered and has returned to school just in time to welcome the children back
- Y1 will be taught by Mrs Stanton in the classroom we call 'The Den'. They will be called 'Wrens' for the rest of this year
- Y2 will be taught by Mrs Blackman (Mon – Weds) and Mrs Severn (Thurs – Fri) in their usual classroom
- Y3/4 will be taught by Miss Kay in their usual classroom
- Y4/5 will be taught by Mrs James in their usual classroom
- Y6 will be taught by Mrs Wocknitz in the hall. Mrs Hollis is still unwell and will not be returning to school until after Easter – at the earliest. Unfortunately, Mrs Barnes has also been signed off work (non-Covid related). Mrs Goodall will be the supporting teaching assistant in that class until Mrs Barnes returns.

This class structure will remain in place for the rest of this school year.

Children are asked to wear school uniform when they return to school. We will ask the children to come to school in their outside learning clothes on the days that they have outdoor learning.

- Robins (YR) will have outdoor learning on Fridays
- Wrens (Y1) and Woodpeckers (Y2) will have outdoor learning on Wednesdays
- Wagtails (Y3/4) will have outdoor learning on Thursdays

We will be continuing to maintain our enhanced cleaning regime which includes handwashing and the regular use of sanitizer.

Children should bring their PE kit into school on Monday. This will remain in school for the rest of this term. Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

(We are aware that a number of PE kits have remained in school during this lockdown. These can remain in school until the end of term.)

We are inviting the children to bring in a face mask, that will remain in school. This mask would only be used if a positive case was identified in school. We have a large supply of face masks in school – but know that some children would prefer to have their own masks. It may be worth noting that the school masks are universally sized so not specifically for children. Please ensure that any face masks sent into school are appropriate and will not cause a distraction in school. Could masks be sent into school in a named small plastic bag.

The only other items that should be brought into school are their lunchbox (if they are not having a hot school dinner) and a drinks bottle. Please ensure any lunch boxes or drinks bottles are clearly marked with your child's name.

All children will eat their lunch in their classroom. Hot school dinners will be served in the wet area as they were prior to lockdown. Mrs McGinley would wish me to remind you to order your meals via Parentpay by 8am each morning. The menu choices can be viewed on Parentpay when you book the meals. The overview of school meals can be found on the website – under the 'Our Parents' tab (January 2021 Menu).

We will not be sending any resources home, so children will not be bringing reading books home for the rest of this term.

If the children receive any certificates, if they received a Perseverance Award cup or they have made an item they wish to bring home, the children will be able to take those items home on a Friday afternoon. All items will be placed in a plastic bag so parents can decide whether they wish to set those items aside for the suggested 72 hours.

The children will not be given homework for the rest of this term. The only work children will be asked to do at home this term is 'practising skills' work – ie reading, TTRockstars and they will have some spellings to learn. All of this work will be outlined on the class 'Homework' pages of the Eschools learning platform.

The school day will end at 3.15pm.

The collection point at the end of the school day will be the lower playground. Parents are asked to form a queue by the small gate by the lower playground and to respect the 2m spacing marked by the black tape. Children will be able to leave their classrooms when their parents are standing by one of the posts on the lower playground. There will be space for 12 parents at a time. Y6 and Y1 will be brought to the lower playground by their classteacher.

Full details of our systems and procedures can be found on the website, under the Covid-19 tab.

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