

23rd July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

In many, many ways I cannot believe that I am writing to you at the end of another year, while in others it feels like this year has been the longest in my teaching career!

I cannot believe that this time 12 months ago I was writing to you saying that we were looking forward to some normality and 12 months later I am writing exactly the same thing all over again.

I am in awe of all of you and all that you and your children have coped with this year! I have never felt so fortunate than to work with such an incredible group of children and families. Your patience, understanding and commitment to online learning when required has been incredible and the simple words – ‘thank you’ will never ever be enough.

As we look forward to September, I really really do hope that we will be able to return to something much more resembling ‘normal’ so please see the information below for details of arrangements.

Arrival at school:

- We will return to one drop off and collection time instead of staggered starts! (Hooray I hear you all cry!)
- The gates will open at 8:45am each morning and children will be asked to line up before being led in to school by their teachers at 8:50am.
- If your child is in Yr 1, Yr 2 or Yr 3 they should come to the KS1 gate (opposite Nursery). To avoid parents needing to stand in the car park, parents will also be allowed to come through with these children on to the playground until it is time for them to line up if they wish. When it is time to line up a whistle will be blown and we will ask parents to exit the playground.
- If your child is in Y4, Y5 or Y6 they will enter the school via the KS2 gate (unaccompanied) and line up in the courtyard area until a teacher takes them to their classroom.
- We will continue to ensure that teachers are on the gates to take messages and would ask you give these messages to these staff rather than to try to talk to your child’s class teacher directly as we need teachers to be with the children at this time. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher directly, please let the member of the staff on the gate or the school office know and we can ensure that they speak with you at the end of the day.
- Children in Reception will continue to access the school via the Community Entrance at 8:50am

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- Please be aware that staff will not be on duty to supervise children until 8:45am so please do not leave your child unaccompanied before this time.

Collection from school:

- Children in Reception will be dismissed from the Community Entrance gate at 3:10pm.
- All other children will leave by the same gate which they enter through in the morning at 3:15pm
- Only children in Y5 and Y6 will be allowed to walk home alone, when written permission is received from a parent.

School Uniform / PE sessions:

- We will continue to ask children to come in to school in their PE kit on their PE days (parents will be informed of the PE days for each class in September when teachers have finalised their timetables)

School Meals:

- Our meals will continue to be provided by ABM in September.
- Children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal through the government's universal infant free school meal scheme.
- Children in Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 are welcome to book a meal at a charge of £2.30 per day.
- School meals should continue to be booked online via SchoolMoney
- All children will return to eating in the hall again at lunchtimes

Of course, we will keep a careful eye on developments over the summer and, should any of the above arrangements need to change again (we really really hope not!) we will let you know as soon as we possibly can.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very safe, relaxing summer and I am so very looking forward to September and seeing everyone properly again – I can't wait for the discos, nativities, assemblies and other events to begin in person again instead of online, I am well and truly 'zoomed' out!

Have a great break!



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