



13 July 2020

Communication regarding returning to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the summer term, we could never have imagined that it would end in this way! We have seen some children return to school for a short time before we had to close again for all but children of critical workers. We have not had the chance to say goodbye as we would have wished, and we have not been able to complete our planned transition into the new academic year.

Hopefully all pupils have been able to find out a little about their new teachers through letters and videos. We will work hard to make sure your child is made to feel welcome when they finally return to school and time will be taken to get to know them well. We recognise that many children will feel anxious about coming back to school after so much time away, and we will work with you to support you and your child.

Last week the government published guidance for schools for the new academic year, allowing pupils to return to school full time from the beginning of the Autumn term. We are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school and meeting our new starters. The new guidance makes changes to the current arrangements, including larger groups or 'bubbles' in order to reduce mixing across the school. We will be updating the risk assessment and making sure all procedures are in place to keep pupils, staff and families safe. All information will be on the school website for the start of the new academic year.

With the support of Leicester City, Leicestershire County Council and the Trust it has been decided that all pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 1st September 2020**. This will ensure we have time to prepare fully for school opening with the level of care and attention to detail required. The safety of pupils, staff and all their families **is our highest priority** and we are determined to do the right thing in the right way.

School will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 1st September. Subject to government guidance we hope that school can open fully from this date. Transition will happen for new EYFS pupils with a phased return. We will be operating a staggered end to the day to avoid large groups at busy times. This will be reviewed and may be subject to change. Further details on social distancing measures will be communicated to you over the summer, please keep checking your emails.

	Entering school	Leaving school
EYFS, Year 1, Year 2	8.50am	3pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	8.50am	3.10pm

Gates will open at 8.40am and children will be expected to go straight into class.
Please consider if you feel your child (Year 4-6 only) is able to walk to school and leave without an adult as this will limit the number of people on school grounds (see form to complete below).

If you would like your child (Year 4-6 only) to leave school without an adult then please complete the form below to give your consent. (Please note that without this consent children will not be sent home without an adult).

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNOqVwxQIGQdMoYTo2R4ZwMhUOFBTWjBFSTZaMldIRFMwVk1VMUVNMIIxTCQIQCN0PWcu>

Our new term dates can be found on the school website – please check as there have been some changes.

Uniform:

Full school uniform to be worn from September 2020.

EYFS and Year 1 children may wear jogging bottoms or leggings every day to enable them to play and be active more easily.

On the days that children have PE (communicated to you soon) children are to wear trainers and jogging bottoms/sports leggings. This is to minimise equipment brought into school.

We ask that children limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day (schoolbag, coat and packed lunch if required are allowed).

Thank you all for the kind words from so many of our families during this difficult time. Our staff have worked tirelessly in unprecedented times and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. I am sure we can all work together to ensure your child receives the education they deserve whilst keeping everyone as safe as possible.

I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Kind regards,

J Andrews
Deputy Head