

### Updated Transition letter for new parents

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to give you an update regarding transition arrangements for September now that we have made firm plans and taken into account all government guidance around Covid-19 (coronavirus). Please be aware of the following information.

- **All children are expected to return to school in September.** We are currently in the process of going through all the guidance released by the DFE to ensure that we are continuing to provide a safe and secure environment for the children and these are likely to include measures such as: children continuing to operate in a bubble (although this will be a bubble of up to 30 children instead of 15), bubbles continuing to operate in isolation and not mixing with other bubbles at all.
- **School will continue to operate on a staggered start and exit time.** We will have a group 1 and a group 2 and the timings for these groups will be:  
Group 1 (Classes A - Miss Howe) - 8:30am – 2:50pm (break at 10am, lunch at 12pm)  
Group 2 (Classes B – Miss Morrin) – 9:00am – 3:20pm (break at 10:30am, lunch at 12:45pm)  
Additionally, this will affect the planned first two weeks back. The transition document that we sent out has had to be amended to take into account the guidance. A new transition timetable has been added to the end of this letter.
- **Children will continue to go home at lunchtime on a Friday** for the Autumn Term to allow the school to have an extra deep clean. Group 1 will leave at 12pm and Group 2 will leave at 12:30pm. Children having a school meal will be offered a hot grab bag on this day. This will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term.
- **Children should be brought to school/collected from school (if not walking themselves) by one person** and you are asked to ensure that you are observing social distancing, following the signage regarding movement around the school and not staying on site once your children have been collected. Senior staff will be moving parents on if this is observed. **The car park will be locked and inaccessible to all vehicles between 8:15am and 9:15am and also between 2:40pm and 3:35pm.**
- Due to the bubble system still being in operation, **Busy Kids will continue to be closed** until such a time that we are able to have children from different bubbles in the same room. Likewise, there will be no after school clubs such as multi-sports etc. running either. This will be reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term.
- All advice from the government regarding more frequent than usual handwashing etc. will be adhered to. **Children will be encouraged to wash their hands more frequently than normal** and all good hygiene systems will be promoted and encouraged such as 'catch it, bin it, kill it!'
- **The office is open but you are asked to limit contact with office staff to emergency contact** to reduce time spent on the school site. All current ways of communicating with the school are still accessible.
- **Children will need to be in school uniform** and normal school rules on behaviour, attendance etc. will apply.



- **Hot lunch options will be back from September.** The kitchen will be back to full capacity in September. Hot meals will be back on the menu and ordering as usual through School Grid. As a reminder, all Reception and KS1 children are eligible for a free meal.
- Children are asked to bring no more than one bag to school each day. This could contain: their reading book / reading diary, pencil case, lunchbox (if sandwiches).
- **If we have a localised / bubble lockdown, the school has developed a plan to go back to remote learning.** This will be an extension of how we have been working recently and will include: Zoom calls with the class teacher, work set on the website with links referencing websites such as Oak Academy, BBC Bitesize, Purple Mash etc.
- **If a child is showing signs of Coronavirus** (continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste), we have thermometers in school to take a temperature. If a child has symptoms, **the child will need to go home and be tested for Coronavirus.** If that test is positive, the whole of the bubble (all children and staff) will need to isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative, the child can return to school when they're feeling better. Additionally, it is imperative that the whole school community adheres to the Test, Track and Trace system in operation.

I'm sure that you are aware that all arrangements are subject to change as and when new guidance comes out from the government and we will continue to do our best to communicate this to you well in advance of children starting. If there is anything within this letter you would like to discuss with me, please feel free to email or ring the school.

Kindest regards,

Mr. Jonathan Williams (Headteacher)

**Week 1: WB: 31<sup>st</sup> August**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		AM: Group 1 pupils visit (A – 8:30 to 11am, B – 9am to 11:30am)	AM: Group 1 pupils visit(A – 8:30 to 11am, B – 9am to 11:30am)	AM: Group 2 pupils visit (A – 8:30 to 11am, B – 9am to 11:30am)
		Lunch: Go home	Lunch: Go home	Lunch: Go home
		PM: Group 2 pupil visit (A - 1pm to 2:50pm, B 1:30pm to 3:20pm)	PM: Staff conduct home visits/ zoom calls	PM: Staff conduct home visits/ zoom calls

**Week 2: WB: 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM: Group 2 pupils visit(A – 8:30 to 11am, B – 9am to 11:30am)	AM: Group 1 pupils visit (A – 8:30 to 11am, B – 9am to 11:30am)	AM: Group 1 pupils visit (A – 8:30am to 12pm, B – 9am to 12:30pm)	AM: Group 2 pupils visit(A – 8:30 to 12pm, B – 9am to 12:30pm)	AM: all pupils visit (A – 8:30 to 12:30pm, B – 9am to 1pm)
Lunch: Go home	<b>Lunch: Go home</b>	Lunch: stay in school for lunch	<b>Lunch:</b> stay in school for lunch	Lunch: stay in school for lunch
PM: Staff conduct home visits/ zoom calls		PM: Staff conduct home visits/ zoom calls		