



Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

## Newsletter Number 2 – Autumn Term 2020

Dear families,

Thank you for emailing your questions regarding the return to school for pupils on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. I hope the responses given below are helpful;

### **What items can my child bring to school?**

Pupils will have their own school cup in the classrooms and so will not need to bring in any water bottles. They will need their PE kits (they will only need to have pumps/shorts/jogging bottoms. PE kits will remain in school and be sent home at half term. The school is providing pencil cases and equipment for all children so please do not send in any pencil cases. Reading books will be sent home and brought back to school as detailed in the last newsletter. Staff will remind you of this through Seesaw messages.

### **My child likes to bring in a bag each day with some items in it. Where will this go and where will my child put their coat?**

All cloakroom areas are not in use as we cannot meet safety guidelines within them. Therefore coats will be stored on the back of pupil's chairs as will PE kits. It is therefore not possible to have any bags in school due to the lack of space at this time.

### **My child is in year 5 (or 6) and has a mobile phone with them as they walk home alone.**

The school must ensure that all pupils stay in their class bubbles at all times, including when they arrive and leave school. It is essential this happens to give the whole school community the reassurance and confidence that we are all adhering to the guidance. For at least the first two weeks we will require all pupils to be brought to and from school by an adult while the routines and expectations are established. This means that no child will be unsupervised so no mobile phones will be needed. It also means no pupils will be accused of not following guidance or placing other families at risk. We will review this regularly as we do want our older children to experience walking to and from school independently as soon as possible.

### **I sometimes bring my friends children to school with my children. They are not all in the same classes. Is this alright?**

This is not in line with the class bubbles guidelines and must be avoided wherever possible. We know that this will make things challenging for some families, but the overriding safety of all our families is the main concern here. If you have difficulty with this please email the school office so we can discuss how to manage this.

### **My child is in year 5 (or 6) and is worried about getting changed for PE in the classroom. How will this be managed?**

Wherever possible we will only ask pupils to change their footwear for PE. For older pupils this may be extended to change footwear and put shorts or jogging bottoms on only. They can keep their school tops

on as part of their PE kit. This will mean all pupils can access PE but will be able to change without anyone viewing them or causing them to feel uncomfortable. It is not an ideal situation as it means they come home a bit sweaty and so more uniform washing will be needed, but their dignity and comfort is the overriding concern here.

**Often the weather in September/October can be hot – what about sun cream and a sunhat?**

This is very often the case! If you wish to send in sun cream (labelled clearly with your child's name) and a sunhat this is fine. The cream and hat will be kept on your child's desk until half term.

**Will my child be able to have toast and milk?**

Yes. This can be ordered through Parent Mail. It will be delivered to the classrooms daily. Children who are under 5 years of age have free milk.

**If children are having a mixture of packed lunch/school dinners - how will this be identified in order that they either don't go hungry or end up having two meals?**

We have operated this system for many years and it is very rare errors are made. If your child arrives at school with a lunchbox, we know that this means they are having a packed lunch! All lunchboxes will be stored outside the classrooms under the canopy. School lunches must be paid for through Parent Mail and we check this daily against those children having a school lunch. Children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 have Universal Free School Meals. The catering team will be offering the full hot and cold lunch choices this term, all delivered to your child's class.

**As children will be washing their hands regularly, what soap will be used?**

We will be using the same soap as we did before. If your child has sensitive skin you may wish to send in their own supply of soap. This should be clearly labelled with your child's name and will remain in school.

**I will be bringing my child to school but cannot leave my car to walk them into school due to an injury/issue. What can I do?**

In the morning you can come to the drop off area as usual and allow your child to get out of the car. Tell your child to walk to the gate where a member of staff will then escort them to their classroom door ensuring they adhere to our expectations. At the end of the day you can come to the barrier and ask to park in the car park (you need to request this in advance via email to the school office). Staff will bring your child out to you, but please be aware that this may take some time as we will be dealing with many issues like this.

**My child is booked in to breakfast club/afterschool club. How is this running this term?**

**Breakfast Club**

- Breakfast club will take place in the Hall from September 2020.
- Children to be dropped off at the Hall fire exit door.
- You will be greeted by a member of staff and your child will be escorted in to their class bubble, you must sign the children in as before.
- The Hall will be marked for each bubble and a box of resources will be placed in each bubble for the children, along with tables and chairs or cushions and floor mats for EYFS.
- Due to current circumstance it is not possible to allow the children the usual self-serve of Breakfast. The children will instead be able to have Toast and Water and this will be served to them.

- Toast will be served between 7:30am-8am. After 8am staff will begin cleaning down the snack area so toast will not be available after this time. It is highly important that if you usually arrive after 8am to Breakfast club that your child has had breakfast before coming to school.
- The children will be able to play with their resources in their bubble, take part in activities as a group but remaining in their class bubble, such as Go Noodle dance challenges, yoga and meditation.
- Toileting-children will be escorted to Club room for children to use the facilities.
- At the start of the school day, the children will be collected by their class bubble TA and escorted to their classrooms.

### **After school club**

- Afterschool club will take place in the School Hall from September 2020.
- Children will be expected to go to the toilet and wash their hands at the end of the school day, then escorted to the Hall by their class TA.
- Children will be in their class bubble space in the hall.
- In each bubble the children will have access to resources that are age appropriate such as, colouring, jigsaws, Lego, puzzles and games where appropriate.
- At 3.50pm, children will stop activities and get ready for snack.
- Children will sanitize their hands before snack.
- Due to the current circumstance we will not be offering Hot Meals to the children.
- At 4pm, the children will be given Toast and Water.
- After snack the children will be able to recommence their activities.
- Staff may be able to take small groups of children from bubbles out to play outside for 15 minutes. This will be done by class to maintain bubbles. A max of 8 children at each time will be taken out to play.
- At 5:15pm the children will stop and asked to tidy their bubble. Staff will clean and sanitize equipment used.
- Once children and staff have tidied up, the children will enjoy a movie on the projector screen for the remainder of the afternoon.

### **I know adults can't congregate and talk on school grounds but this will mean they will just go outside the school gates and do so there. This is worrying – what can the school do about it?**

This is highly worrying and it shows the character of those adults as being very uncaring about our school community. Anyone who truly cares about their own family and the families of others will not do this and they will go straight to work/home. School can control what happens on the school site but if we feel people are not following guidelines outside school grounds we can all report this to the police and authorities.

Both of the newsletters from the last few days are now on the school website, so please direct any new families there if they are not yet on Parent Mail. Thank you! We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday - Keep safe, keep well,



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