



Newsletter update – Friday 4th September 2020

Dear parents,

Well, we have started! The children seem as delighted to be back at school as we are to have them here. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your patience, understanding and good humour during this settling in period.

I just want to share a few brief changes/updates/tweaks with you in preparation for next week.

Drop off and pick up times update

Congestion is an issue at the beginning and end of each day. With a school this size it is only to be expected. It only becomes a problem when year group bubbles overlap to due parents arriving earlier than necessary and then waiting among parents and children from other year groups.

Please arrive no more than 5 minutes before your allotted drop off/pick up time. If we can stick to this then year group bubbles will not overlap. I would also like to remind adults that they should be socially distancing.

If your (older) child is walking to school alone or with friends, please walk the route with them so that you can better estimate a reasonable time for them to leave the house. We have had Year 6 children arriving up to 20 minutes early.

Change for parents with more than one child at the school

The current system has not worked as well as we would have liked so we are going to change it from Monday.

If you have more than one child you can continue drop them off at the same time as the latest sibling **but** now please collect at the same time as the latest. Teachers will hold onto those children and keep them in their classrooms until it is time for them to be collected. Children can be collected at their usual drop off/pick up location. This will mean there is less disruption to the teaching at the end of each day and that children's school days are not further shortened. Again, please bear with us while this system beds in.

Please email each teacher the time you will collect your child.

If you would like to keep to the timings below for all of your children please leave the site and re-enter it at the appropriate times.



Years	Start time	Home time	Entrance/Exit
Reception	9:00	3:15	Early Years
Year 1	8:45	2:50	Infant entrance
Year 2	8:55	3:05	Year 2 gate
Year 3	8:45	2:55	Year 3 side gate
Year 4	9:00	3:10	KS2 playground
Year 5	8:45	2:55	KS2 playground
Year 6	9:10	3:20	Main entrance

MSporti football club

If your child has football after school, they can get changed in their classroom after the rest of the class have gone home (except for their football boots – put those on outside). They can then remain in their classrooms and join the club when it starts at 3:20pm, taking all of their kit/uniform with them.

MSporti will be keeping year group bubbles separated.

What to do if your child has COVID symptoms

There seems to be some confusion about this.

If you or one of your children has either a high temperature (they feel hot to touch – don't worry too much about using a thermometer), a new continuous cough or a loss/change of taste/smell, then your whole family must isolate for 14 days unless the person who is symptomatic has a test which proves the illness is not COVID.

I agree that if your toddler has a bit of a temperature and is bunged up and under the weather then it is probably just a cold, but we cannot afford to take any chances. The days of “send them to school and see how they get on” are also now long behind us. If in doubt, keep your children at home and consult NHS 111 online.

If you *do* have a thermometer at home the NHS guidelines are that a high temperature is 38 degrees C. At school we will be acting on any temperature of 37.7 deg C and above to allow for any variance in thermometers.

We understand and accept that attendance rates will fall this year but that cannot be helped.

Thank you all again and have a wonderful weekend.

John Tutt
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