

Tuesday 14th July 2020

School in September

Hi Everyone,

How are you all doing? I hope you are all managing to keep going and not missing school too much. It has been a very strange term and we miss all of you so much. I bet you will all have grown and really changed lots - we may not even recognise you! I am so excited about September and can't wait to see you all again.

Anyway, some of you have been still coming in to school and know how we have been doing things differently. In September, we are going to have to make even more changes and I wanted to let you know what some of those were so that you can be prepared. Please don't worry about anything- even if you forget what to do we will give lots of reminders and help in September. I have written a letter to your parents and carers already with lots of detail so they can also help to remind you of the plans.

The reason that we have got to do things differently is because of the COVID 19 virus and needing to avoid spreading it amongst ourselves. It is invisible and really tricky to know if we have it. Often, we may have it without even realising it and it spreads so easily. The government has given schools a HUGE long list of things to consider (basically loads and loads of rules) and put in place so that we can open school as safely as possible. I'm afraid you are NOT going to like some of those rules. However, we are being really positive and brave and with your help, we are going to make it work and have a brilliant start to the Autumn term.

Here are some of the rules:

In the classroom

- You will all be in your own class bubble and you will be taught by your teacher in your classroom
- We can't use some of our normal spaces at the moment such as the snug and hall but by November time ,we hope to have them all open
- You will have a desk between two children, facing the front
- We need you to stay in your place as much as possible and try to face the front of the classroom
- Your desks will be cleaned at lunchtime and at the end of the day
- You will need your own pencil case and stationery **which must remain in school.** We can give you some if necessary. No sharing felt tips etc ☹️
- We need to try to keep 2m away from the adults working with you as much as possible
- If you have a sink in your class room, this is where you will do lots of handwashing (eg coming into school, before eating etc)



- We need you to have your own tissues on your desk and we have bins with lids on to put dirty tissues in



Out and About

- We need to stagger the start and finish times of the school day because we are such a big school and we need to make sure that people have enough room to social distance. Your parents and carers have this information in their letter
- You can use any of the gates into school but every morning you need to go to your zone. Your zone will be either on the front or the back playground
- You will need to ask your parents which gate they are collecting you from and go to that gate at the end of the day. Your teachers and other staff will help you so please don't worry
- Your class bubble will have their own zone to play in and you won't be able to go in other zones to play 😊
- We will be doing lots of handwashing and supervising, checking that you are doing it properly as it is so important!
- There will be lots of games that you can't play outside because we can't have physical contact
- Ms Powell will be on hand at lunchtime to encourage you to try new games
- You are not allowed to bring in items that move between school and home (such as footballs, small toys) but water bottles and packed lunches are allowed
- You will eat in the classroom for the first half term. We will then start to use the dining room later on
- We won't have any hot dinners but you can order a packed lunch
- At lunchtime, you will spend half of the time inside having your lunch and half of it outside playing in your zone
- You will need to move round the school in single file, always walking on the left and need to stay with your teacher
- We will have an adult on 'toilet duty' so that we don't have too many children going into the small spaces altogether



Other Bits 'n' Bobs

- You will need to wear your school uniform
- We would like you to come to school wearing your PE kit on the day(s) that you have PE (your teacher will let you know which days that these are but don't worry, it won't be on the first day back)
- There won't be any after school clubs but we will be thinking about them for November or January



I am going to do a little video for you and I will send it out by Friday with some pictures of what our school looks like at the moment. If you have any questions, please send them to school by **Thursday morning** and we will see if we can answer them.

So children, that's all for now. Please don't worry - school hasn't changed, the teachers are all so looking forward to seeing you.

Take care, have a brilliant summer and most of all stay safe.

Mrs Sexton 😊