

3 July 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Friday 17th July marks the end of this very strange year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all school staff for their flexibility, professionalism and kindness to maintain learning, communication and offer guidance and support for all of our school community. Thanks go too to all of our parents who have done a super job of supporting children with their home learning.

On Monday, 20th July, we will be open for children in year 6 only, as we celebrate their time at Deanery and wish them a successful journey as they move onto secondary school.

Whilst we have been delighted to remain open for some children since the end of March, we are all looking forward to being able to welcome all children back to school in September. Government guidance released yesterday provides specific details relating to a safe return in September and although there are operational aspects that need to be confirmed, I would like to share with you some of the arrangements for the safe return to school.

Tuesday 1st September is a training day and school will therefore be closed to all children.

Teachers will take a photograph of their classroom, which will be shared with you before children return; as there will continue to be modifications to the environment, e.g. desks will be in rows, facing the front.

Staggered start

With over 400 families returning to school, in order to minimise congestion at the beginning and at the end of the school day and to facilitate handwashing and smooth access for our children into the classroom, we will continue to operate a staggered drop off and collection time for the foreseeable future. Times will be clarified at a later date but essentially classes will be separated into 3 groups (alphabetically) with a designated drop off and collection time allocated to each group. There will not be a reduction to the overall amount of teaching time.

We will also continue to operate a one-way system around the school site again; details will be forwarded next week.

In addition, to ease transition back to school, for the first 3 days in September children will be welcomed back in small groups of 10. We are aware that children and families have shared different experiences over the last 6 months and this will provide an opportunity for children to settle back into school, and for teachers to spend time to share experiences and begin to assess learning needs.

Wednesday 2nd September.

First 10 children on register only (R-Y6) Group designated drop off and collection time.

Thursday 3rd September

The next 10 children on register only (R-Y6) Group designated drop off and collection time.

Friday 4th September

The last 10 children on register only (R-Y6) Group designated drop off and collection time.

Monday 7th September

All children will return to school. It is essential that the groups' designated drop off and collection times are maintained.

Your child's allocated day during the first week and other specific details will be shared in a further letter next week.

Year Group Bubbles

Children will be maintained in their year group 'bubbles' throughout the day with staggered break and lunchtimes. There will be no whole school assemblies however daily acts of worship will continue in the classrooms. The use of shared equipment and spaces will be minimised.

Uniform

Normal PE will resume so school PE kits will be required. Children will be required to wear correct school uniform.

School Dinners

Hot school dinners will resume in September – if you would like to book ...

Foxes Club

There will be no extra curricular afterschool clubs for the autumn term, however, Foxes before and afterschool club will run from 7:30am to 6pm as before. Specific details will follow as year group bubbles will be maintained at Foxes as well.

Cleaning

There will be additional cleaning of high use areas during the day and children will be required to wash their hands regularly including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

Curriculum

Whilst we will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum, there will be a focus on a recovery curriculum to cover important missed content, especially phonics, reading and maths. Enrichment will be paused for the autumn term. Daily mindfulness and wellbeing opportunities will be undertaken.

Government guidance details that parents do not gather on the school premises and there is no access to the school site, including the school office, without an appointment. We will continue to be guided by government guidance as it is released.

We appreciate that we continue to operate in challenging situations but hope that we can continue to work together as a school community to implement these changes for the benefit of our children and the wider community.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lockett', written in a cursive style.

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