



Other Important Information for a Full School Return

As previously said we will constantly review our procedures and if necessary adapt and change. Our priority is to ensure all children and staff are safe. We obviously have to follow national and local guidance and with each school being different there may be different procedures in every school.

Can the children bring a school bag to school?

Lots of you have been asking about this. Again this will be reviewed, but at the moment we are still saying no school bag. We are aware that on Wednesday your child may have more things to bring such as indoor shoes. So on Wednesday, if needed, your child can bring a plastic bag with them to school with these things in them and this bag will be disposed of once in school. Every other day they should only have their water bottle, snack and lunch bag if needed. Snack can be put in their lunch bag. At the moment we will not ask for payment of lunches. Money envelopes will be sent home for payment of lunches and these should be returned. More information on this to follow.

What if my child needs a change of clothes while at school?

As normal we do have a store of clothes at school which can be used in an emergency. Some children if they fall in the playground and get mucky would normally change into their PE kits. There will at this time be no PE kit to change into, so we may have to use the spare clothes in school. If your child needs to use these, then please can you wash them and return them to the school in a sealed bag. These will not be opened for 72 hours, which is the recommended time to leave things to ensure they are safe. In some cases if we do not have clothes suitable for your child we may need to ask you to come to the school with some clean clothes.

What are Break and Lunch Arrangements?

Currently we are not allowed to have large groups of children together. So break times and lunchtimes will look differently as we need to stagger them. We will have 2 different breaks and lunches. P5/6 and P6/7 will have their break together first then P1/2, P2/3 and P4 will have their break together afterwards. Each class will be given an area of the playground to play in and they will not be able to mix with the other classes. This area will be changed each day so that the children have different play opportunities. I know this is not ideal but this is following national guidance and we will support the children to have a positive experience. Each class will have a designated member of staff with them in their area. All children cannot eat in the dining room together either so lunch will be in the classrooms at the moment. P5/6 and P6/7 will play first then eat and P1/2, P2/3 and P4 will eat first then play. Packed lunches will be kept in the classroom, it would be helpful if you could put a little ice pack in their packed lunch. Again as previously said this will be reviewed and adapted as necessary.

What are the Pick Up Arrangements at the end of the day?

As previously said you must stick to your allocated time. At the end of the day at the moment, we are going to let you into the playground if you need to collect your child. Please collect from your child's classroom door. Only one person will be allowed into the playground to collect your child. Social distancing should be followed and masks should be worn if possible. If you have a child from one of the younger classes collect them first before making your way to your older child's class. We have said at the moment that the Woodley Court entrance will be open. As this is much narrower we are concerned that people might not be able to socially distance so this may have to be reviewed. So we are asking that this entrance should only be used if your child can come into the playground themselves to limit the number of people using it. So if you have to bring your child and/or have a nursery child to drop off please use the main front entrance. If you are stuck in traffic or you will not make your allocated time please contact the office and your child can be collected from the office when you arrive.

Face Masks

We have had updated guidance on the wearing of face covering. We have been given face coverings for staff to use - masks and shields and these may be worn by staff depending on the activity being carried out. We have also been given a supply of face masks for pupils to use if needed. Once we see how many children are wearing face mask we will discuss with the pupils the safe use of these and safe storage of them while in school.

PE arrangements

At the moment PE can only be done outside. Mrs Law our PE teacher is in school on a Friday, starting from this Friday. So every Friday everyone should come to school wearing outdoor PE clothes until you are told otherwise (leggings, tracksuits, T short, sweatshirt, trainers). Remember coat too as they could be outside even if it is raining.

Again please can you discuss this with your child so they are ready for Wednesday. Please contact the school via email if there are any queries.

Many Thanks

Mrs Watson