

# Back to School



**How we will ensure the safety and well-being of your child.**

# Introduction:

The thought of your child returning to school will undoubtedly be a cause for anxiety and concern. Thank you for sharing the concerns you have so far. We encourage you to continue to do this whenever it is necessary. By working together, we can ensure that the transition from home learning to being back in school is as smooth and safe as possible. What follows is a summary of the measures we are taking to ensure that your child stays safe and keeps others safe too.

# School routines

## **Arrival at school:**

- You should arrive at school at the following times:
  - Year 6 -- 8.45am to 8.50am
  - Year 1 – 8.55am to 9.05am
  - Year R – 9.10am to 9.15am
- Please do not park from the corner where Back Lane meets Stumble Hill up to the staff car park. This will be a DROP OFF ZONE.
- Where possible, use the DROP OFF ZONE—stay in the car and allow your child to exit onto the pavement where they will be seen to the lower gate by a member of staff.
- Should you wish to park, please use the layby opposite the Back Lane houses. Queue at 2m intervals along the pavement from the lower gate along past the houses as shown by the cones) and keep your child with you. Please avoid bringing other children into the queue.
- We will supervise entry of pupils from the lower gate into their classrooms.

# In school routines:

- Children will be taught in year groups only.
- Year groups will not be able to mix and will stay in the same room or in the outdoor area with the same key members of staff (no more than 2).
- Please provide all stationery that your child will need in a named container—this will not be shared.
- Children should wear own clothes (cleaned daily) suitable for both indoor and outdoor learning.
- Sun hats, water bottles and personal sun cream will also be required.
- On arrival, pupils will be asked to wash their hands after hanging up their bags.
- They will have a designated (labelled) table and chair which will not change whilst they are in school. This will be 2 m away from other pupils with spaces marked with floor tape.
- Toilet visits will be timetabled and supervised where possible and only 2 people will use the toilet at any one time.

# Break time and Lunch time:

- Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered once the school becomes busier—until then, year groups will be outside together but in separate zones. No equipment will be allowed for the present time.
- Lunch will be eaten outside (weather permitting—otherwise in classrooms) and will be packed lunch only. This can be provided by the kitchen if your child is eligible for free school meals (including universal free school meals).—please order every Monday via the office for the entire week.

# End of the day:

Year R: 2.45 to 2.50pm

Year 1: 3pm to 3.05pm

Year 6: 3.15 to 3.20pm

- Promptly at the above times, please collect your child by queuing at 2m intervals along the path on Back Lane from the lower gate down towards Stumble Hill (as shown by the cones).
- Children will be walked down to the lower gate and asked to wait in a spaced out line before being handed over to you.
- Please return to your car as quickly as you are able.

# Learning and Wellbeing

As well as ensuring the physical safety of your child, our priority over the coming weeks will be on their mental health as well as their continued learning. We have carefully considered ways in which art therapy and outdoor learning opportunities can be used to give the children the time and space they need to readjust and deal with all that they have experienced. We will spend time listening and adapting before making decisions as to where to head next. The curriculum will be carefully planned to ensure that your child feels safe and protected. When the time is right, we will then begin more structured traditional learning which we will ask the children to continue with when they are at home.

# Cleaning and Hygiene

- Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly but specifically on arrival in school, when moving from one room to another, after being outside, before and after eating, and after they cough or sneeze.
- Desks, chairs, door handles, light switches, taps and toilets and any used resources will be cleaned every lunch time.
- The school will be cleaned during each lunch break and each evening.
- All soft furnishings and resources that cannot be cleaned have been removed from use.
- Teachers will have access to hand gel and cleaning products should surfaces need cleaning during the school day.
- Extra cleaning will occur where a suspected case of COVID-19 occurs, and the person affected will be asked to wait in a safe space until they can return home.
- All staff and pupils will have access to COVID-19 testing. When presenting with symptoms, he/she will be asked to self-isolate for 7 days if the test returns as positive. Should a test return as positive, the group in which he/she works will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days (this will be adapted should guidance change).

# What you can do to help

We appreciate that school will not feel 'normal' for some time. We will spend time explaining the information above to the children and will endeavour to be honest and clear whilst maintaining a nurturing, caring, safe and stimulating environment. If you need support at any time in helping your child to adapt, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please help us by discussing what to expect with your child, going through the expectations in the pupil presentation in particular.

Please adhere to all government guidelines outside of school in order to lower the risk of contracting and passing COVID-19 into our community.