



26th August 2020

Headteacher: Mrs E Carmichael DCE
Chair of Governors: Mrs A P Wood EdM

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to welcome all of our pupils back to school and I know that the staff are looking forward to starting the new term and working with your children. As you are aware, the **term begins for pupils on Wednesday 2nd September.** (Please note that Tuesday 1st September is an Inset Day for staff only).

	Arrival time	Pick up at end of day
Emerald Class Sapphire Class Topaz Class Amethyst Class	Children in Key Stage 1 should arrive between 8.25am and 8.45am	2.55pm
Ruby Class Diamond Class	Please see individual times for 2 nd – 4 th Sept. From 7 th September Reception Classes should arrive between 8.25am and 8.45am	2.50pm
Please ensure your child is in school by 8.45am at the latest, in time for registration.		

Whilst the government has eased many of the restrictions imposed during lockdown, we must remind you that the pandemic is ongoing, and that we should continue to take sensible precautions in order to protect children and adults. Measures which we put into place during the summer term will continue, including social distancing where possible, a robust hygiene and cleaning regime and frequent hand-washing. We have had no confirmed cases of Covid-19 at our school so far.

It is vital that each and every member of our school community adheres to our guidelines as follows:

- If you have recently returned from a holiday or trip abroad, please ensure that you follow the current government guidelines on quarantine:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>
- Please do not linger on the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up times, and ensure you maintain social distancing
- Please follow our one-way system around the school grounds – staff will be on hand to guide you (see the accompanying map) (Year 1 and Year 2 parents please note that this route is NOT the same as that followed in the summer term.)

- Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly (we will continue to promote this in school)
- Children are required to wear school uniform and should bring a warm coat into school each day as we aim to have as many learning activities as possible outdoors
- **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY OR ANY MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY ARE SHOWING ANY SYMPTOMS WHICH COULD BE LINKED TO COVID-19, INCLUDING A HIGH TEMPERATURE.** Please follow the government guidelines:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>
Staff will ask you declare that your child is symptom free on arrival each day
- Should your child or any member of their family display symptoms, we ask that you arrange a Covid-19 test immediately (apply online at gov.uk or call 119). **PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE RESULTS OF ANY COVID-19 TEST**

As the government acknowledges, it is necessary to balance any risk with the need to get all children back to school. In order to facilitate this, and taking into account the practicalities of having **all** pupils back in school, we will operate in Year Group Bubbles of 60. This will allow the children to mix freely within their own year group at playtimes and during the lunch hour.

Of course, should there be a suspected or confirmed case of Covid, a whole Year Group Bubble may need to be closed. ***It is vital, therefore, that children DO NOT attend school if they are unwell or showing symptoms, including a high temperature,*** and that we are made aware of this, so that we can protect the rest of our community and take steps to minimize any further disruption to children's learning.

Please ensure that we have your up to date contact details, ***including at least one contact who is able to reach the school in no more than 1 hour*** should your child become unwell during the school day and require to be collected.

By working together to face the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic, we can ***all*** help to ensure that our pupils can continue to have access to the high quality education they deserve.

Yours sincerely



Elaine Carmichael
Headteacher