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Never less than our best

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What will school look like in September?

The main way school will control the risk of Covid 19 is the use of class and Key stage bubbles

- Each year group will stay in their class bubbles except for playtimes and lunchtimes where KS1 will have playtime together, Lower KS2 will have playtime together and Upper KS2 will have playtime together.
- Lunch will be eaten in class apart from Y1 and reception who will eat in the school hall
- Hot lunches will be available
- The school will limit as much as possible how many staff work across classes.
- There will be extra handwashing and cleaning taking place
- Breakfast club will be open from 8.00am on the 2nd September
- School will begin at 8.45am for all children
- Nursery and Reception will enter via the Nursery entrance
- Year 1 will enter through their classroom door
- Year 2 will enter through the main entrance
- Year 3,4,5 and 6 will enter through the Roper Street entrance
- Collecting children will begin at 3.05. We are reducing lunchtime slightly so teaching time will remain the same.
- The school pick up will be split into two pick up times.
- Children with Surnames from A - L will be collected at 3.05pm. There is a 10 minute window to collect the children. If you have more than one child you must pick up your youngest child first.
- At 3.15 the remaining children with Surnames M- Z will be collected. Again youngest children to be picked up first.
- It is so important you stick to these times. If you don't we will not be able to safely dismiss the children.

When picking up children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 there will be zones for you to wait on the playground. There will be signs to indicate where to wait. You must ensure you are social distancing while you are waiting.

Year 3 parents will be in front of the conference room which is next to Year 2 entrance where you picked up last year.

Year 4 parents you will be in the centre of the playground

Year 5 parents you will be next to the dining room by white painted wall

Year 6 parents you will wait by the blue gazebo. All the areas will be signposted.

With the year groups split we are hoping picking up will be straight forward and safe. The most important thing is you are NOT LATE to pick the children up. When you have collected your child you must leave the playground and move away from the entrance on Roper Street



- Nursery and Reception will be picked up via the Nursery entrance
- Year 1 will be dismissed by their gate. Parents will be asked to wait at the top of the footpath which can be entered via the Merton Bank entrance and their child will come to them. They will then leave via the Roper street entrance.
- Year 2 will be dismissed via the main entrance following the same procedure as Year 1.

What we teach will change this year to allow us to tackle the possible impact of Covid 19 on learning during lockdown

- We have created a recovery curriculum. This will enable us to teach knowledge and skills that were not taught during this summer term.
- We will have an even bigger emphasis on pastoral support for those children who require it.
- We will ensure rigorous tracking of the children to ensure we know exactly how they are progressing with the recovery curriculum.
- Interventions will take place for those children that require them
- If attendance is good your child will make the required progress to make up for the lost schooling
- As you get ready for September, please do not buy your child large rucksacks or school bags as we will send them home.
- Pupils do not need to have a pencil case of their own in school. A book bag and packed lunch bag will suffice.

Things will change for parents to

- Attendance at school is **compulsory**
- There will be a one-way system at the front of school. Enter via Merton Bank road and leave via Roper Street.
- Parents will have to social distance and leave the playground as soon as possible
- We will deliver messages via our school app
- There will be different home times
- On the day your child has PE they will come to school in PE kit with a tracksuit or leggings on
- No items to be brought in from school apart from a bookbag, packed lunch (if required) and a coat
- There will be assemblies taking place for parents to attend
- Parents evenings will be phone consultations for the Autumn term
- For the month of September, no after school clubs will take place. We will assess after that date when we can introduce them.
- Children will need to bring their own water bottles and take them home each day

This is obviously a lot of information for everyone. Hopefully the situation continues to improve. If anything changes, I will obviously write to you again. Please read this carefully as it is so important you arrive and pick up on time. I cannot wait to welcome back all our children and provide them with the education they deserve. I want to thank you all for your support over the past few months. It is appreciated by all of my team. I hope you all have great summer, keep safe and I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 8.45am

Kind regards

Mr Griffiths



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