

Bulletin



Issue 1

7th September 2020

Dear all



We hope you have all been well over the last 7 weeks and have managed to stay healthy. It has been a time for us all to reconnect with our families and friends, who we were not able to see for some time.

We are now ready and excited to welcoming your children back into school however have needed to make some changes so that we are adhering to Government guidance. We know that some of these will not be easy for some of our families but we ask that you are patient with us and work alongside us so that we can all make every effort to keep the school community healthy.

Following the letter that was shared at the end of July, you will hopefully be aware that we are going to be having a staggered start to the day. Please see below the details of the start and end time for your child, as well as the site entrance.

YEAR GROUP	DROP- OFF TIME	COLLECTION TIME	SITE ENTRANCE
Nursery (am 15 hours)	8:45am	11:45am	Wood View Crescent
Nursery (pm 15 hours)	12:15pm	3:15pm	Wood View Crescent
Nursery (30 hours)	8:45am	3:15pm	Wood View Crescent
Reception	9:00am	3:20pm	Wood View Crescent
Year 1	9:00am	3:20pm	Wood View Crescent
Year 2	8:45am	3:05pm	Wood View Crescent
Year 3	8:45am	3:05pm	Wood View Crescent (entrance nearest the field)
Year 4	9:00am	3:20pm	Wood View Crescent (entrance nearest the field)
Year 5	9:00am	3:20pm	Methley Road
Year 6	8:45am	3:05pm	Methley Road

Unfortunately, we will need to continue to maintain the routine that we will not be able to invite parents onto the school site in September.

With regard to those pupils in Nursery and Reception, we will be inviting parents onto site to handover their child at the door rather than at the site entrance, where staff will be ready to welcome your child into school. For all other year groups, your child will be greeted at the site entrance by a member of support staff and directed to their class teacher. Support staff will not be in a position to have an in-depth conversation with parents at this time but will take a note of any messages in order for the teacher to make contact with you during the day. We must ask that if you would like to come into school to meet with your child's teacher that this is by prior arrangement.

If you will be using any wrap-around care at the beginning or the end of the school day, we can continue to coordinate this handover however this will be at an allocated point within the school site. These arrangements have been made with Bramley Hedge. If you use any alternative wrap-around care, we ask that you provide us with the name and contact details so we can coordinate these arrangements.

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Attendance

In July when we re-opened to some year groups, attendance was optional however, as of September, it will be mandatory for children of compulsory school age to attend regularly.



As a school, we will be returning to recording attendance in the usual way and re-implementing our attendance procedures around first day absence phone calls. We will be monitoring closely those who are not attending regularly and making every attempt to work alongside you to get your child back into school.

In the event of your child displaying COVID19 symptoms at home, you will need to keep your child at home and access the testing service. Similarly, if your child displays any new symptoms whilst at school, we will withdraw them from their teaching group and call you to collect them.

In the event of a negative test, they can then return to school. If a test results comes back as positive, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days and anyone else in the family will need to do so for 14 days from the first day of symptomatic signs.

If your child needs to stay at home due to either themselves testing positive or someone else in the household, we will provide work so that they are not missing out on their learning. This will either be on Google Classrooms or through paper copies if this is preferred.



PE Kit

On days when your child will be having PE, please send them in their kit to reduce the use of communal areas and lost property around school. PE days will be confirmed in class newsletters.



Reading books

We will be continuing to send reading books home. For KS1 this will be on a Friday and returned on Monday. Once the books have been returned they will not be in circulation for the week.



Children will continue to have three reading sessions per day—two phonics and one guided reading.

In KS2, pupils will have two reading books. One to have in school and one to keep at home until they have finished it. Once again, when the book is returned to school, it will not be in circulation for 72 hours for any other child to read.

Lunchtime

School app

We have invested in a new app to communicate with our parents. This app will enable us to send out targeted messages to year groups rather than everyone receiving every message. It will also allow you to communicate directly with the class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team.



We will send out invites to this new app on return to school however in the meantime, if you would like to download the app, search for Parent Apps in Google Play or the App Store.

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