



Headteacher: Mrs Kay Pennicotte-Henrie

WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

September 7th 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term and thank you for sending the children back well prepared. We always have that slight anxious feeling at this time of the year when children are returning to new classes and new teachers. To add to that this year we have obviously had children who have been at home for many weeks due to the pandemic.

We are trying to keep as many of our routines as close as possible to our usual ones. However there are changes to ensure we are keeping the children and staff safe from risk of infection as much as we possibly can. These changes are listed below and have been risk assessed.

1. Children in Years 1,2, and 3 form group A. They will eat together, share the playground or field and go into the hall for Worship together.
2. Children in Years 4,5 and 6 form group B. They will eat together, share the playground or field and go into the hall for Worship together.
3. Rainbows class are their own group. Year six special friends will play with them in the outside area.
4. There will be no whole school worship times at the current time. We hope to invite parents to sharing worship in a couple of weeks- this will be split groups. At the current time we are planning an outdoor worship and an indoor worship to celebrate weekly achievements.
5. Extra handwashing stations have been set up in every classroom and hand sanitiser is also available in addition to this.
6. We have increased the Forest school sessions this term so that children have specific learning outside. Mrs. Owen has updated planning and it links with Year group plans. A timetable will be posted on the website.
7. We have increased the P.E. support so that teachers have half the class to teach in the classroom to help 'catch up' numeracy and literacy skills that may have been missed last term.
8. At lunchtime there are two sittings for lunch group A and group B. When Rainbows start they will eat their lunch first.
9. P.E. Lessons are outside where possible and in their class groups. We have antibacterial spray for equipment inbetween sessions.
10. All classes will have surfaces and resources frequently used sprayed with antibacterial spray at the end of the morning and at the end of the day. The classrooms are then cleaned thoroughly after school too.
- 11. Coughs and colds. If your child or family member has the COVID 19 SYMPTOMS PLEASE KEEP THEM AT HOME AND HAVE A TEST. If you are certain that the cold is not COVID related it is at your discretion whether to send them in or not. You know your children well and can determine their fitness.**
12. Staggered Drop Off Times:

Years 4,5,6. 8.30- 8.40 a.m.	Drop these children at the end of the new path and they walk straight to their classroom.
Years 1,2,3. 8.40- 8.50 a.m.	Parents to walk to field to drop off- this will be



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	reviewed after first full week back.
Rainbows walk to their classroom through playground according to their timetable. You will be met at the gate.	Parents with children for first few visits.

If you have children in both groups please wait in the seated quiet area with younger children until 8.40 to take them around. Children will not be able to go on the trimtrail or play with equipment before school as most school staff will be in class.

Pick-up Times:

Years 4,5,6. 3.05 p.m.	Children will be brought out to front of building through hall. Year 6 will walk around through playground.
Years 1,2,3. 3.15 p.m.	On playground as normal.
Rainbows at their gate at times according to timetable.	

Please keep to these times as closely as possible for the safety of everyone.

New path

The new path is fully open for pedestrians. This is the only entrance for children to use at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day with staggered times please leave by the small gate by the vehicle gate. We will be putting a 'Welcome' sign at the new entrance and the contractors have a few jobs to finish. We hope this path will help with the traffic. Please 'drop and go' if you have older children.

It is lovely to see everyone back and please keep in contact with us via email and phone if there is anything we can support you with or you need to tell us. Just because we are trying to keep visitors to a minimum doesn't mean we don't want to talk to you! We are welcoming regular parent help into school so please let the office know if you are available.

Kind regards,

Mrs Pennicotte-Henrie