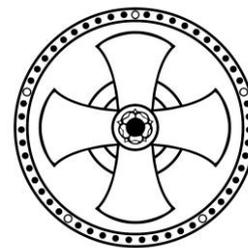




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Re: Preparations for Welcoming Children Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that the summer holidays have been good and that you've enjoyed the chance to spend some time together. Just to confirm that we are looking forward to welcoming **all** the children back on Monday September 7th. Reception children will have received details about their induction processes and should adhere to that. For those who have booked places in breakfast and after school club, these will run as normal. **Please do not use these facilities without booking as we will not have space for 'drop in' arrangements.**

Please be reminded of the Arrival Times:

Year 5 and 6 – 8.30am

Year 3 and 4 – 8.45am

Year R, 1 and 2 – 9.00am

If there are siblings, children will come in at the time of the oldest child, please which will reduce the waiting time for parents and reduce the need for return journeys. Pick up times will also be as previously communicated:

Departure Times:

Year 5 and 6 – 3.00

Year 3 and 4 – 3.15

Year R, 1 and 2 – 3.30

Again, siblings will leave at the time of the oldest child. (Initially, Reception Arrangements are different and have been communicated separately with the relevant parents because these children are undergoing induction.) Pick up arrangements will be as normal – from the carpark, **but on drop off, please do not come through the brown 'farm' gate.**

When coming in, parents and carers should use the pedestrian gate as normal and there will be members of the Leadership Team around to help you. You'll walk up the pathway, drop your child(ren) at the gate where they will sanitise their hands using the hand pump on the gatepost and then as they proceed into school, parents and carers will exit on the grassed footway. Once you've dropped off your child, please do not linger but leave the premises as soon as possible so that we can manage the flow of traffic in an easier manner.

Just a further reminder around logistical measures we've put in place to reduce any further risk.

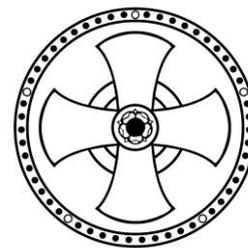
- It seems to make sense to begin with a rather relaxed uniform so that we reduce the need for laundering ties and jumpers. Children should wear their school trousers, shorts or skirts with their school shirt, please. Jumpers and ties can stay at home. In terms of shoes, where children cannot yet tie their laces, Velcro shoes should be worn, or failing that, Velcro trainers or their PE pumps.
- Where weather allows, coats should remain at home to reduce the need for students gathering by pegs.

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- Children should only bring in what is absolutely essential to their learning and day at school. Lunchboxes can be brought in of course, but will need to be wipeable, please. These should also be named as usual.
- Pencil cases and stationery sets can also remain at home, please.
- Children in R, Year 1 and 2, will do their Sport in the regular uniform, Children in Year 3, 4 5 and 6 should bring in Sports Kit.
- Initially, we won't be sending home reading books, but will instead be offering reading lists of books that children are likely to already own; again, this is to reduce things moving between home and school. Where parents require more support with reading, we'll be in touch about other ideas we have for how we might help with that.
- Although the guidance suggests that mask wearing is not necessary, I would suggest that those colleagues and children who wished to wear a mask do so.
- Children may bring named drinking bottles which can be filled up at the water fountains throughout the day. We won't be allowing children to drink directly from the fountains.

I look forward to seeing you at the start of term – Monday September 7th.

With warm wishes,

Paul Barber
Headteacher