



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



CRC Article 19: All children have the right to be safe.

CRC Article 28: All children have the right to an education.

Information for Parents – Return to School in September 2021

10th August, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We very much look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Thursday 2nd September.

It is really important for the wellbeing of your children, that CV-19 restrictions are not suddenly taken away all at once. We feel that it is crucial for children to experience a gradual relaxing of restrictions for this reason. As you will already be aware, children respond very well to routine, so keeping our already familiar routines in place, at the time of significant transition to a new class in September, is very important.

Our ultimate aim is to keep your children, you and our staff safe. We therefore continue to have in place a rigorous and comprehensive Risk Assessment.

We are here to support your child and your family. In turn, we expect you to support our school by adhering to our protocols and systems which have been put into place for the benefit of everyone in our school community.

We value communication with you and are keen to continue with this, however, during this continuing virus period, parents and carers will only be able to continue to speak to staff on the telephone. If you wish to communicate with staff, please call the School Office and they will ask the relevant member of staff to call you back. Please be aware this may not be until the end of the day or perhaps the next day.

The following guidance is in line with Government requirements for school opening in September 2021:

- Our enhanced school cleaning programme will continue, where our strict cleaning regime will continue to operate. This will include the cleaning of resources.
- Routines will continue to be in place for regular handwashing throughout the day.

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- Children should not bring hand sanitiser into school as we have an ample supply of this.

Attendance

- Attendance continues to be compulsory. All children are required, by the Government, to be in school full-time, from this date. We expect children to attend school every day, and to arrive at school on time.
- Staggered school start and finish times will continue. Please see timetable below.
- Children to arrive to school at the allocated times. Being punctual is important. It is important not to be early, as well as not to be late, due to the staggered start times.
- Parents must telephone school if their child will be absent due to illness, and to give reasons why.

Bubbles

- Your child will continue to be in the same Class Bubble with their teacher and teaching assistant.
- The Bubble will not mix at all with any other Bubbles. They will learn together, play together and eat together.

Beginning and end of the school day

- The beginning and end of the day will continue to be staggered and a variety of entrances and exits will continue to be used. The length of the school day will remain the same for all Bubbles, but not every Bubble will start at the same time.
- Children must arrive within their allocated timings. Punctuality is very important, particularly at this current time.
- **Breakfast Club: Only children who have accessed Breakfast Club in the Summer Term 2021, will continue to be able to access this in September. We continue to have only limited places available.**
- Parents should avoid coming onto the school site wherever possible.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 are able to walk home alone but please let us know if this is your preference.
- Parents should stay away from the school building, behind the coned areas on the Front and Middle playgrounds, and will be asked to stay as far away as possible to

Reception, Nursery and 2 Year Old doors to avoid unnecessary congestion and to maintain distancing.

- **Parents and carers must continue to be mindful of other parents and carers who are still adjusting to being near other people, and who may themselves, be vulnerable.**
- **It would be preferable for parents and carers to continue to wear face coverings before entering the school site.**
- **In exceptional circumstances where parents and carers are required to access the school building, then face coverings must be worn.**
- **To minimise the numbers of people on the playgrounds, it is preferable that only one parent or carer drops off / collects their child.**
- **To avoid congestion, please do not gather at school entrances/exits.**
- Children should go straight to their parent and then the child and parent should leave the premises immediately.

Information for Parents Autumn Term 2021

Class	Teacher	Start Time Please arrive between these times	Entrance/Exit Door	Home Time Rec-Y6 Exit – same as entrance
2s Morning Session	Mrs. Sharp	8.50-9.00 Enter by the 2s Door in the Middle Playground.		11.50 Collect children from the rear of Nursery via Oxford Street Gate at the back of the school near the field.
2s Afternoon Session	Mrs. Sharp	12.15 Nursery door via the Oxford Street Gate at the back of the school near the field The Oxford Street gate will be locked at 12.25.		3.30 Fri 2.35 Collect children from the 2s door on the Middle Playground.
Nursery Morning Session	Mrs. Fox	8.50-9.00 Enter by Nursery the small gate in the Middle Playground		11.50 Collect children from the rear of Nursery via Oxford Street Gate at the back of the school near the field.
Nursery Afternoon Session	Mrs. Fox	12.15 Nursery door via the Oxford Street Gate at the back of the school near the field The Oxford Street gate will be locked at 12.25.		3.30 Fri 2.35 Collect children from the small gate on the Middle Playground.
Reception Blue	Mrs. Hall	8.45 – 9.00	Reception Door	3.35 – 3.50 Fri: 2.35 – 2.45
Reception Yellow	Mrs. Buxton	8.45 – 9.00	Reception Door	3.35 – 3.50 Fri: 2.35 – 2.45
1T	Mrs. Hewitson	8.40-8.50	Y1 Door on the ramp in the Middle Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
1H	Mrs. Paramore and Miss Corney	8.40-8.50	Y1 Side Door in the Middle Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
2T	Mrs. Shepherd	8.30-8.40	Y2 Door in the Middle Playground	3.20 Fri: 2.25
2H	Mrs. Dykes	8.30-8.40	Y2 Door in the Middle Playground	3.20 Fri: 2.25
3T	Mrs. Finkle	8.40-8.50	Y2 Door in the Middle Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
3H	Miss Pascoe	8.40-8.50	Y2 Door in the Middle Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
4T	Mrs. Hill	8.50-9.00	Y5 Door in the Front Playground	3.40 Fri: 2.45
4H	Mrs. Lockey	8.50-9.00	Y6 Door in the Front Playground	3.40 Fri: 2.45
5T	Mrs. Charleuf	8.40-8.50	Y6 Door in the Front Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
5H	Mrs. Rocks (Miss Westgarth)	8.40-8.50	Y5 Door in the Front Playground	3.30 Fri: 2.35
6T	Miss Begum	8.30-8.40	Y5 Door in the Front Playground	3.20 Fri: 2.25
6H	Mr. Wilcox	8.30-8.40	Y6 Door in the Front Playground	3.20 Fri: 2.25

What should my child bring / not bring to school?

- Children are NOT allowed to bring their bikes or scooters to school.
- Children can bring a bag with a labelled **clear plastic** water bottle. **Clear plastic water bottles can be purchased from school for £1.00 each. Please contact the School Office to purchase a water bottle. Water bottles will be given directly to children following payment via Parent Pay.**
- They should bring a coat for outdoors.
- They should wear a vest if the weather is cooler, as classrooms will continue to be well ventilated. **Layers of clothes worn over school uniform are not permitted.**
- They should bring their packed lunch if necessary.
- Mobile Phones should not be brought into school.

Lunches

- All children in school will be entitled to a hot school lunch.
- If your child is entitled to a free school meal they will be able to have a free hot school lunch. If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2, a free hot school lunch will be provided also. If you prefer, your child can bring in a packed lunch from home.
- Parents can purchase a hot school lunch via Parent Pay. Please contact the School Office for more details if necessary.
- If your child does bring a packed lunch from home, please be aware that this will be stored in the classroom. As classrooms can be warm, please think carefully about what you put into the lunch box. Meat and fish products should be avoided.

Uniform

- Please send your child to school in September in full school uniform. School shoes must be worn, not trainers.
- No jewellery, which includes earrings, Smartwatches and Fitness Trackers.
- No hoodies.
- Hair accessories must be blue.
- We always encourage children to take a pride in their school uniform, and we receive positive comments about this from visitors both in and outside of school, usually.
- Children will not be allowed to wear face masks.
- A full PE Kit is needed by all children in school on Thursday 2nd September.

- Detailed information about school uniform, including PE Kit, is available on our school website.
- We would appreciate your renewed support with this from September.

Learning

- We will continue to teach a broad and balanced curriculum.
- Children will bring home a reading book and their reading record book each Monday. These will need to be returned to school every Friday.
- Please ensure that any reading books your child might still have at home are sent back to school with your child on Thursday 2nd September. Any other school books that you may have found during the Summer Holidays that belong to school, please return them to school with your child – no questions asked!
- Maths homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will need to be returned on a Monday. Please note that homework may not be marked if it is not returned on time.
- Children will take spellings home to learn and will have a spelling test each week.
- More information to follow regarding swimming.

Remote Learning

- Remote Learning will only be provided for children who are absent from school with CV19 symptoms, or, who have had a positive CV19 test.
- Children who are absent from school due to these reasons will be provided with a school laptop to access their Remote Learning, alongside a paper-based pack.
- A teacher from your child's year group will make contact with you and your child as soon as possible, so that the remote learning tasks can be discussed, and any help that your child might need with their learning can be provided.
- A teacher from your child's year group will make daily contact with you and your child for the duration of their Covid-related absence.
- All Remote Learning is expected to be completed. Your child's Remote Learning will be marked and feedback will be provided. This will be through Class Dojo.
- If your child is in 2 Year Olds, Nursery or Reception, the majority of the Remote Learning will focus on practical tasks for your child to complete, with your support. The teacher will be able to give you more details about these tasks when contact is made.

What if my child becomes ill at school?

- We require the names and telephone numbers of at least two emergency contacts. We will be testing these numbers to ensure they are in operation. If you need to update the information we have for you, please call the School Office.
- If your child shows any signs of illness we will call you and you must collect your child immediately. It is absolutely vital that parents and carers answer the phone straight away.
- If your child shows any symptoms of the virus, they will be placed in supervised isolation whilst they wait for you to arrive.
- Symptomatic children must be tested. If the test is negative, and the child no longer has symptoms, the child can return to school. Evidence would be required of this. A child or adult who has a confirmed case would be required to self-isolate for ten days. The household would be required to self-isolate for ten days also.
- Where there is a confirmed case within a Class Bubble, NHS Test and Trace would be in contact with further details regarding the possibility of a PCR test / isolation.
- In the event of a Local Lockdown, school would be in regular contact with Public Health England and advice would be issued accordingly.

NHS Test and Trace

- Along with staff members, parents and carers need to be ready and willing to engage with Test and Trace procedures.
- Parents, carers and children need to:
 - Book a test if they are displaying symptoms;
 - Must not come onto the school premises if they have symptoms: a persistent cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of taste and smell;
 - Be prepared to self-isolate if they have any symptoms;
 - Provide details of anyone who they have been in close contact with if they test positive, or if asked by NHS Test and Trace;
 - Self-isolate, if instructed to by Test and Trace if they have been in close contact with someone who develops Coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive;
 - Parents need to inform school immediately of any results of a test.

Behaviour

- Please refer to our Respectful Relationships Policy (Behaviour Policy) and related updated appendix in light of current circumstances. These documents are available on our school website.
- **We will not tolerate the behaviour of any child who puts the safety of another child, children or staff at risk. You would be contacted should this be necessary.**
- **We will not tolerate the behaviour of any parent or carer who puts the safety of another child, children, staff or parent/carer at risk. Parents will not be welcome onto the school site if their behaviour is unacceptable.**

Precautions at Home

- When your child returns home they should thoroughly wash and dry their hands.
- Water bottles must be washed thoroughly.
- Lunch boxes should be cleaned with anti-bacterial spray – inside and outside.

Please talk to your child/children about coming to school in September so they will be prepared for school.

Information will be reviewed and updated as it becomes available. We will continue to inform parents and carers as soon as possible of any updated information.

We appreciate your support in these difficult times. Our ultimate aim is to keep you, your children and our staff safe.

We really look forward to welcoming your child/children back to school on Thursday 2nd September.

Yours sincerely,

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