

July 13th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Attached are our plans for September. As usual, I have followed government guidance, liaised with Hampshire County Council and consulted with colleagues at school. Our aim is to provide the best possible arrangement and full education for our children whilst also minimising the risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

I understand that the guidance released by the government will be updated in the middle of August. Where this results in any necessary changes then I will update you before the return to school.

	EYFS & KS1	KS2	Additional notes
When will my child return to school?	Thursday September 3rd	Thursday September 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School attendance will be compulsory from September 3rd. We will take our usual statutory actions in the case of non-attendance
What time will school start and finish?	<p>Bumblebees: 8:50am – 3:10pm</p> <p>Honey Bees (yr1): 8:50am – 3:10pm</p> <p>Carpenter Bees (yr2): 8:40am-3:00pm</p> <p>Honey Bees & Carpenter Bees please use the back gate for drop off and pick up.</p>	<p>Nectar (Yr3&4): 8:50am – 3:10pm</p> <p>Honeycomb (Yr4&5): 8:40am-3:00pm</p> <p>Bee Keepers (Yr6): 8:40am-3:00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This staggered start and finish is to minimise the numbers of parents on the school site. This is a temporary change implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of courtesy please arrive and leave promptly. I appreciate that there are many sibling groups and you may have an extended drop off time. Please follow the directional arrows and wait at a safe distance from other parents and children. In line with our risk assessment, parents will not enter the school building and should leave the school site as soon as possible.
Will my child be in a bubble?	Yes, with all of EYFS and Key Stage 1	Yes, with all of Key Stage 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each class will come in and out of school through their classroom doors and movement around the school will be minimised. Each bubble will have break times together and have their own toilets/sinks. Children will eat lunch with their bubble in class groups, in the hall. We have opted for Key Stage bubbles as this is the best logistical solution for the children. Please be aware that should there be a confirmed case of Covid-19 then there is a possibility that the whole bubble will need to self-isolate. Should this occur then we will liaise closely with PHE and take the most up to date advice available at the time.

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Will my child need to wear uniform?	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children will be expected to wear their full school uniform.
What will my child need?	<p>A book bag A named water bottle PE Kit <u>Optional:</u> Packed lunch, hat and sun cream, a wrapped, healthy snack</p>	<p>A small bag/rucksack A named water bottle PE Kit <u>Optional:</u> Packed lunch, hat and sun cream, a wrapped healthy snack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snacks will be needed as the free fruit and vegetable scheme may not be up and running for KS1. We will keep you updated as we learn more.
What will my child NOT need?	Pencil case Toys from home	Pencil case Toys from home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All school equipment will be personalised and provided by the school. Children should bring nothing else to school.
Will breakfast club and after school club be running?	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children will be able to request a place at either Breakfast or After School club. To support us with planning and preparation, please make your request for places online and well in advance. The children will be kept in their school time bubbles Modifications to the preparation and serving of food have been made in line with government guidelines.

What measures are you taking as a school to keep my child safe?

We are continuing to follow the system of controls as set by government guidance:

Government guidelines:	School Action:
1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and children are to not to attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19. Any child displaying symptoms will be immediately sent home. The school will follow the procedures outlined by PHE in these circumstances
2) clean hands thoroughly and more often than usual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue with the rigorous handwashing routines we have established Handwashing rules will be implemented in every class New outdoor sinks will be available for children to use
3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue with this expectation across the school

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<p>4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue with the cleaning regime implemented whereby tables, handles etc are cleaned during the day and again at the end of the day.
<p>5) minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will mainly face the front of the class. Children will only be with other children in their class and bubble Collective worship will only take place in bubbles (ie Key stage groups)

More advice from the government can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

You and your child may have concerns about coming back to school. They may be nervous and unsure as to what to expect. This is completely normal. It is worth noting that the vast majority of children who have returned to school already have been really happy and settled. There will be some obvious changes to routines and organisation in school in order for us to meet government guidelines. The children have already proved that they are adaptable and resilient with this 'new normal' and really have made the minimum amount of fuss. Please look out for videos over the holidays from your child's class teacher showing their new classroom and how it will be set up.

The past seventeen weeks have been unusual and at times difficult for us all. I know that we are all reaching the point of exhaustion and need a break before we recommence in September. If your child is not at school and home learning is tailing off a bit now, then please do not worry. As a parent body you have been remarkable in your approach to home learning by working closely with us at school. Although there have been tricky times, on the whole, along with the support of our teachers, you have kept the children positive and focused. I know that for many, the additional family time has been treasured and enjoyed.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school in September.

Yours sincerely,

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