

School Reopening September 2020



When do the children return to school?

- ▶ Children from Reception to Year 6 return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – please see the newsletter for your child's time of arrival and the designated entrance/gate
- ▶ Children in Nursery all return on Thursday 3rd September 2020

What does Government guidance say?

Government guidance for schools says that:

- ▶ No-one should enter school if they, or anyone in their household, has symptoms of Coronavirus
- ▶ Everyone in school should clean hands frequently
- ▶ There should be good hygiene – ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
- ▶ There should be extra cleaning during the day
- ▶ Classes/phase groups should not mix with each other, where possible
- ▶ Schools must engage with the NHS Track and Trace process

Arriving/Leaving School

- ▶ Everyone dropping off/collecting children from school needs to socially distance whilst waiting
- ▶ Children must wait by their parents – not run around mixing with other waiting children
- ▶ There will be staggered drop off/collection times – please see the newsletter sent on 10th July
- ▶ Classes will arrive/leave via different gates at different times – please adhere to the times
- ▶ Only one adult should bring/collect children
- ▶ Parents need to leave their child at the designated gate – parents should not enter the playground or school

Classroom Arrangements

- ▶ Children will stay with their classes or within phases
- ▶ Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered
- ▶ EYFS children will not be expected to socially distance but adults will maintain a distance wherever possible
- ▶ Children from Year 2 upwards will sit in rows facing towards the interactive board
- ▶ Key Stage 2 Maths and Spelling groups will take place within phases (years 3/4 or years 5/6)
- ▶ Access to toilets will be supervised
- ▶ PE will mainly take place outdoors
- ▶ There will not be any whole school assemblies in the hall

Lunch

- ▶ Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are still entitled to a free meal. We would prefer these children to take up the meal provided.
- ▶ Please do not send lunchboxes for Reception and Key Stage 1 children
- ▶ All meals need to be pre-ordered via School Grid
- ▶ Parents of KS2 children should pay via the School Grid system when pre-ordering (unless entitled to Free School Meals)
- ▶ Key Stage 2 children can either order a school meal or bring their own packed lunch
- ▶ All meals will be eaten in the hall/dining room
- ▶ Tables in the dining room will be cleaned between sittings

What should children bring?

- ▶ Children should wear full school uniform, including school shoes
- ▶ PE kits need to be in school every day from 2nd September
- ▶ Reception and Key Stage 1 children should bring their red book bags
- ▶ Key Stage 2 children can bring a small bag
- ▶ All children need to bring a small clear, labelled plastic bag with their own tissues and hand gel/sanitiser
- ▶ Key Stage 2 children also need a piece of fruit for playtime as there will be no tuck on sale
- ▶ Children can bring a filled bottle of water – this must be named
- ▶ Please send children with a named school cardigan/sweatshirt – windows will be open!

How can parents help?

- ▶ Send your child to school every day unless they (or anyone in the household) shows signs of Covid 19
- ▶ Please make sure that you drop off/collect your child(ren) at the correct designated entrance/gate
- ▶ Please park with consideration for the local residents – it will be really congested at the gates. Please do not block resident's driveways, particularly on Earlswood Road
- ▶ Make sure that you drop off/collect at the allocated time. If parents arrive too early or late, there will be another class trying to enter/leave. Please remain in your car until the gate opens
- ▶ Socially distance when waiting to drop off or collect
- ▶ Talk to your child about what to expect
- ▶ Sending children with only the items we have asked them to bring
- ▶ Pre-ordering lunches – paying online if payment is required (KS2)
- ▶ Please bear with us as we implement new ways of working

What will we be teaching?

- ▶ Initially, there will be an introduction to new routines and boundaries
- ▶ There will be an emphasis on children's wellbeing and mental health
- ▶ Nursery – a focus on the prime areas of learning
- ▶ Reception – listening and attention, early Reading and Maths, phonics, speaking and vocabulary
- ▶ Key Stages 1 and 2 – basic skills (reading, phonics/spelling, writing, handwriting, maths)
- ▶ All children will receive a broad and balanced curriculum with a full range of subjects being taught during the year

Communication between home and school

- ▶ On the first day of term, all children from Reception to Year 6 will be given their new planner for the year. This needs to be in school each day and is a vital tool for communication between parents and staff.
- ▶ The school website has a wealth of up to date information on – please check it regularly.
- ▶ Please make sure that you download the School Life App. Most of our communication with parents is via the School Life App and, without this, you will be missing important information.
- ▶ Newsletters will continue to be posted on the school website. We notify parents via the School Life App when a newsletter is published.