



7th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Now that we have had five weeks back to school, I thought it would be useful to update you on systems in school and our conscious efforts to keep children, staff and our school community as safe as possible.

From Monday 28th September, we started operating in six bubbles: Reception, Year 1 and 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. This supports our KS2 children to be in smaller bubbles than previously and is consistent in all areas of school life. We therefore have six bubbles in breakfast club and after school club and clubs at lunch time and after school. We have had to look again at timetables but are really pleased that we can still offer a full curriculum with these new bubble sizes, whilst at the same time hopefully keeping everyone safer.

Breakfast/After School Club

Thank you all for following the new routine for dropping and collecting children, it is working very well. Just to confirm, children at breakfast club are still receiving an offer of toast in the morning and at after school provision there will be a small snack such as a sausage roll or biscuit. We have increased the number of staff who support with our wrap-around care to ensure we can safely work with six separate bubbles.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you for your feedback via the Parent Forum. In answer to a few questions:

- I will investigate the tractor incidents, whereby the tractor has passed the school during morning drop off, to ask them to support us by trying to avoid the front of school until after 8.50 am.
- We are asking families to send their child's PE at the start of the week and return it home at the end of the week. I am very aware however, that with the government guidelines asking us to take PE lessons outside as much as possible, that children may get wet. The teacher will ask children to take their PE kit home mid-week if it has become wet so as to ensure all children have dry PE clothes throughout the week.
- It has been reported that the Year 2 door has, a few times, been opened later than 8.40 am. All children in Year 2 can still come through the gate at 8.40 am, so hopefully there should be no one late to leave for work or extra congestion building outside of school. We will of course endeavour to open the door at 8.40 each morning. Thank you for alerting us to this, we have changed our clocks this afternoon to ensure they all read the same time.
- Just to confirm, in line with government guidelines where we have been advised to reduce the items coming in from home, we are unable to support children giving out sweets or treats for their birthdays. Thank you for your understanding.

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Experiencing Covid Symptoms (taken from the [NHS website](#))

If you or your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We have been working hard to provide parents and carers with clear guidance and support about what to do in the event of symptomatic individuals awaiting a test result. Please review the attached file and <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person#what-should-i-do-if-i-am-a-contact-of-someone-who-has-tested-positive-for-covid-19> for further advice on when to isolate and get a test.

Social Distancing

Thank you to all parents and carers who are maintaining a safe social distance when on school premises or near the front of school.

In support of social distancing, please do not congregate outside the gates or arrive earlier than your allotted drop-off or collection times. Thank you.

It is critical that everybody stays 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible.

Playground Safety in support of Social Distancing:

We positively encourage children to walk or cycle to school and we have a bike and scooter store outside Yew and Hazel classrooms. Please can I ask, that once on the school grounds your child gets off their scooter or bike and walks it across the playground. This will keep everyone in the playground safe and help maintain social distancing. The use of scooters and bikes on the playground is strictly prohibited.

Dogs are not allowed on the school site:

We ask you to not bring dogs onto the school premises at all as, whilst they may be family pets, some children are frightened of them and dogs can also react to the large numbers of young children at the start and end of the school day. There is also a health and safety risk if dogs foul the play areas. I am aware that there has been some dog mess recently out the front of school. Posters are being made to remind our community that it should be picked up and taken away. Thanks to those who have brought this to my attention.



Please continue to use your parent forum representative and for Reception and Years 3, 4 and 5 it would be great to get some new members. Please also email or phone the school with any other questions and queries.

Many thanks,



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

