



10th March 2021

Good afternoon parents/carers,

Update to routines during Spring term 2021

Now that we are a couple of days into our new routines, it is useful to assess and make any subtle changes to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as they can be, and to make adaptations to routines where necessary.

PE on rainy days:

As often as possible, our PE lessons this term will be taken outside. The routine originally was to wear PE kit to school on the days the children have PE and of course this can continue when the weather is dry.

Going forward: On wet days, children should wear their school uniform to school and bring their PE kit to change into for the PE session.

Drop off and collection:

Thank you to everyone who has remained in their cars, or kept walking past if the gate is busy, or come at a time throughout their time slot to avoid the busy first couple of minutes when dropping off. This has really helped to spread out the number of families being out the front of school. Thank you also for not queuing before 8.30 am, as this further supports social distancing and for moving away once your child(ren) have entered school.

Going forward: Today, each class teacher will spend time talking to the children about the routines and that parents and carers are not late if they come later in the time slot. I know there has been some concern about this. Likewise, children are not late coming to school until after their 10-minute time slot; children can arrive any time leading up to the end of the slot. Also, just a reminder that the back gate is another option for all families to drop their children together.

Orange Group (families with children in both the early and late time slots): The new orange group time slot is 8.35am as the earliest drop off for all children in the family. To help spread everyone out, we ask that you remain in your cars until this time if you arrive early. Collection is also from 3.25 pm. Thank you.

Stay and Play and Breakfast provision:

Drop off times include: 7.45 am, 8 am, 8.15 am

Collection times include: 4 pm, 4.30 pm, 5 pm and 5.30 pm

If you arrive within these times slots, please remain outside of the school or in your car until staff come to the front gate. Thank you.

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Lateral Flow Tests

New guidance came out yesterday regarding LFD: anyone who receives a positive LFD is only being asked to book a PCR test if they administered the test themselves. All other LFD tests administered elsewhere, and which are positive, will immediately trigger the person to self-isolate for 10 days along with close contacts and those living in their household.

I appreciate these times are tricky and unprecedented for us all. We are all trying to do our best and make it as safe as possible at school whilst still keeping our curriculum aspirational and supporting the children to continue to learn and enjoy school. I am sure there will still be some changes along the way and we ask for your support as we navigate through.

Pupil Premium Children

In addition to the food vouchers during lockdown, we are giving all our PP children £5 towards uniform or an additional Tesco's voucher to be used on food or uniform worth the same amount. We have had quite a new uniform requests and hope this small gesture will help when ordering on parentpay. Please notify Mrs Kellaway on lkellaway@educ.somerset.gov.uk whether you want to have the additional £5 Tesco's food/uniform voucher or £5 towards an order for uniform on parentpay. We will be able to refund the £5 if you have recently ordered any uniform through parentpay. The link below is for new applications for benefit-related free school meals. This is a simple form and it doesn't matter how many times you apply.

https://secure1.somerset.gov.uk/forms/PortalShowForm.asp?fm_formalias=freeschoolmeal

Food Bank

Please notify the office if you would like us to refer you to the food bank as they are still offering support at this time.

Coronavirus Fact sheet For Kids - attached

The NHS has just released this document today for us to share with all families.

Kind regards



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