

3rd September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and taken time to relax. With all children starting back at school on Monday, I wanted to confirm the routines and plans now that we are following Step 4 of the Government Guidelines.

We have removed the staggered start and end times for the school day, so the school day will start at 8.50 am and end at 3.30 pm. To support social distancing, the governors and staff would like children to continue to arrive/leave school within a 10-minute window and continue to use a certain gate. The gates will be opened at 8.40 am and closed at 8.50 am. Each gate will be staffed to administer hand sanitiser and take messages. Parents and carers are asked to still wear face masks when dropping and collecting their children, as was our previous routine, and move away to support a smooth flow and reduce congestion.

Any children in year 1 to year 6 are able to access school from the field gate and an allocated gate at the front of school. Children are encouraged to leave by the gate they enter each day. Please see the chart below:

| Year Group | Gate (s) |
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| Reception | main gate |
| Year 1 | main gate or field gate |
| Year 2 | gate opposite year 2 classroom or field gate |
| Year 3 | gate opposite year 2 classroom or field gate |
| Year 4 | bottom playground gate or field gate |
| Year 5 | bottom playground gate or field gate |
| Year 6 | bottom playground gate or field gate |

Once again, in this present climate, may I remind you that the school gate is not a location for socialising and catching-up. Parents and carers are still asked to stay outside of the school grounds when dropping their child in the morning, but can wait, socially distanced, in the bottom playground when collecting children in year 4, 5 or 6 at the end of the school day, 3.30 pm – 3.40 pm.

Whilst at school, the children will no longer be required to stay in bubbles, therefore we hope that children will settle back into school life as quickly as possible. Some of the restrictions from the last academic year will be lifted in school to allow children to access previously missed opportunities, such as singing and playing musical instruments. We also hope to hold assemblies together, although initially these will be outside.

Full school uniform should be worn each day and we continue to ask children to bring their PE kit in each Monday and return it home on Friday. Please continue to leave all unnecessary bags or equipment at home. Only school reading books, reading records and homework should be brought to school along with water bottle, snack pot and packed lunch box for those children bringing their own lunch to school.



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We will continue to promote the Department for Education Control Measures:

- **Ensure good hygiene for everyone:**
 - children and staff will continue to regularly wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser,
 - the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be important.
- **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes:**
 - the school will continue to receive extra cleaning at lunch time with anti-bacterial cleaner and well used surfaces such as door handles will continue to receive regular cleaning throughout the day.
- **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated:**
 - Classrooms and learning spaces around school will be ventilated as appropriate.
- **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.**
 - Staff, pupils, contractors and visitors must not attend the school site if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms as below or are required to be in self-isolation or travel quarantine.
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

There is a revised, comprehensive risk assessment which can be accessed on the school website [full risk assessment](#) and further guidance can be found on the latest government guidance: . [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Extended Services is available for all children in school, although we will continue to operate the drop-off and collection routine already established. A reminder is below.

Breakfast Club

Children will be met at the main gate at 7.45 am, 8.00 am and 8.15am.

Stay and Play Sessions

Children will be taken to the main gate at 4.00 pm, 4.30 pm, 5.00 pm and 5.30 pm.

Our wraparound care should be accessed by booking your child into the session via parentpay. For our new Reception children stay and play sessions will only be available once the class are attending school full time. Thank you.

We appreciate that some families have ordered new school uniform during the holidays and these items, if in stock, will be sent home with children at the end of the day on Monday.

Please continue to email or telephone the school office if you have any queries and calls can be logged to speak to teachers or specific members of staff. Email on: tatworth@educ.somerset.gov.uk or call 01460 220565.

I plan to review this plan after the first three weeks at school and hope that from 27th September further restrictions can be lifted. Each class teacher has also written to their class today to welcome the children back to school. We look forward to seeing everyone who is fit and well on Monday.

Kindest regards



Tracey Hart
Headteacher

