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“Learning together. Achieving together.”

Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In September, as stated previously, we are expecting all the children to return. The children will be in whole class “bubbles” and will have different arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day to try and minimise the contact and ensure adult social distancing. We know the timings may pose challenges for some families but we need to try and stick as close to the guidelines as much as possible.

Arrangements and timings for September:

Year Group	Drop off time	Pick up Time	Entrance/drop off/pick up
Reception	9am	3pm	Reception Gate
Year 1	8.45am	2.45pm	Reception Gate
Year 2	9am	3pm	Egg Bridge Lane Gate Drop off/pick up area marked on the playground
Year 3	8.45am	3.10pm	Village Hall Gate Drop off/pick up at top of slope next to bike racks
Year 4	9.05am	3.30pm	Egg Bridge Lane Gate Drop off/pick up area marked on the playground
Year 5	8.55am	3.20pm	Drop off/Pick up at Village Hall Gate
Year 6	8.45am	3.10pm	Drop off/Pick up at Egg Bridge Gate

The arrangements for those children who have returned this term, have worked very well but with the extra numbers it becomes even more important to remember social distancing and adhere to drop off and pick up areas and times.

Other things to note:

- The overarching principle we still need to apply is to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff.
- Children will be in their class groups throughout the day, including at lunchtimes and playtimes, where they will have their own separate areas.
- In most classes the desks will be forward facing with the children sitting in rows facing the front.
- Children do not have to socially distance from each other within their bubble, although they will be encouraged to do so
- Staff will be expected to limit their contact with the children and other adults.
- There will be regular handwashing throughout the day using soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Extra hand sanitisers units have been strategically attached to walls outside all classroom doors.
- The adults working with the children will remain consistent, although there is room in the guidance to allow for staff to work with different classes, which will allow for PPA cover to be similar to how it has been in the past.
- The school will be open on Friday afternoons as normal.
- Our intention to provide broad and balanced curriculum over the year, assessing where any gaps may lie, but recognise that, particularly at the beginning of term, children will need help adjusting to being back at school.
- There will be a focus on children's emotional well-being.

An updated risk assessment will be attached to the parent communication tab on the school website.

Some common questions:

Do I have to send my children to school?

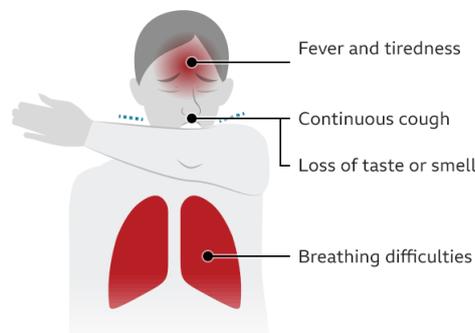
Yes. Government has said that attendance is compulsory. However, if you are unsure and have questions, please contact us.

What happens if somebody has symptoms or needs a test?

You can't be in school. This is a key measure for keeping our school safe. We will ask you get a test from Public Health England if your child has symptoms. You can book this below:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Key symptoms are:

Coronavirus: Key symptoms





7 days

The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



14 days

The people they live with must self isolate for 14 days.



14 days

If anyone in a class tests positive, the whole class will likely be asked to self isolate for 14 days. If there is more than one positive test Public Health will advise the school on whether wider closure is required.

Monday 20th/Tuesday 21st July - Years 2,3,4,5

Just a reminder for the parents of children in these classes. The children come to school wearing school uniform where possible and will need to bring a packed lunch, drink and coat. Timings /drop off /pick up details are set out below.

	Gate	Start time	End Time	Entrance into school	Notes for parents
Year 5	Front gate	9:00	3:00	Front door	Socially distance in the school carpark while waiting to collect.
Year 4	Eggbridge Lane	8:45	2:45	Playground door	Drop off and collect from collection point in playground. Socially distance in the playground while waiting to collect.
Year 3	Village Hall	9:00	3:00	Classroom door	Drop off at top of sloping pathway by markings. Socially distance on pathway while waiting
Year 2	Eggbridge Lane	9:00	3:00	Classroom door	Drop off and collect from collection point in playground. Socially distance in the playground while waiting to collect.

We are all looking forward to seeing them again.

Before and after school care

There is leeway in the guidance to allow for before and after school care to take place, even if this means bringing children together from different class "bubbles". The advice is to keep them separate if possible but it is not an all or nothing approach:

- The club will operate in up to 4 separate groups from the school hall
- Family groups of children will be put together
- Children split by key stage/age group where possible after that

- Emphasis on separate equipment/separate play areas outside and separate toilets
- Club will provide meals
- It will operate 7.30-9am and 2.45-6pm

If you have not already returned your September session booking form to wosc@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk please do so a.s.a.p.

The drop off/pick up procedures and further details will be sent out at the end of August.

Holiday Club

There is still time to sign up for the summer holiday clubs organised by CEPD. Please contact Judith: gilmourfamily1@googlemail.com

For those who have signed up, the pick-up and drop off arrangements can be found attached.

ICT Updates

We have recently managed to update to our broadband to full fibre, which has given us significantly better internet access. During the last two weeks, the year 6 children have been trialling Chromebooks which has been very successful. Following this, using PTA funds, we have ordered 32 Chromebooks with a charging trolley, which should be with us in September. We are incredibly grateful to the PTA for all their support in fundraising, as without it we would have not been in a position to go ahead with these upgrades.

School Meals

From September we are going to continue to only provide hot/cold grab bags, with children eating in their classroom bubbles. There has been improvements made to these grab bags and have attached the new menu for you.

Year 6 Leavers

Today is the last day for our year 6 pupils before they move onto high school. They haven't been together as a whole class since March, so we are delighted that they can be together (socially distanced of course) for one last time, outside, this afternoon. I want to say thank you to all the parents for the support you have given to the school since your children started and particularly those who are breaking ties with us completely after many years, including: Aguado, Bennett, Catton, Crow, Davies, Goodall, Hanley-Hurst, Harding, Hart, Jerjomina, Kattani, McCabe-Jones, McLeod, Moran-Lloyd, Plante, Price, Taylor, Thomas and Wild

The "big fishes" in our little pond will soon be "little fish" in a big pond, but I know exciting times lie ahead for them at high school. We will miss them all.

And finally.....thank you

These last few months have put a strain on everyone and tested us like nothing else we can probably remember and there will be testing times ahead (badly chosen phrase but you know what I mean). You have all done everything to support your children in the best way you can, both emotionally and educationally, given who knows what else you have had to deal with. In September we will be striving to make the return to school as normal as possible for all the children and settle them quickly into routines to make them feel secure. I'm aware that there will continue to be challenges but, our experience of working with the children who have returned, is that they have adapted very well.

On behalf of the staff I want to thank you for the many kind messages we have received over the last few weeks. They do make a difference. I hope that you and your family enjoy a healthy and happy few weeks. I will write to you all again at the beginning of next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Talbot
Head Teacher

Attachments:

CEPD Drop off/Pick up arrangements
Summer Reading Challenge
Lockdown Support from Cheshire Police
September School Menu
Uniform Ordering Information