



Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

RE: Welcome Back!!

The summer break has now come to an end and I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable time. I am sure some of you will be a little anxious about sending your child/ren back to school. Of course, I understand your concerns. I would however like to reassure you that we have carefully considered our health and safety measures including our recovery curriculum, which will support all children to feel safe, happy and confident to be in school.

The school's September reopening plan was sent to all parents before the end of the academic year, it is also on the school website along with our rigorous risk assessment. Please read the plan carefully as it will answer your questions.

Over the last week, some questions have been posed, and I would like to take time to answer them.

Is school attendance compulsory?

Yes, school attendance of all children, of compulsory school age, is now compulsory. Please see DfE guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Is face covering compulsory?

No, face coverings are not compulsory/mandatory in schools, this is only for secondary schools. We will support children who do continue to wear face coverings, to wear them properly, we will also show children how to remove them effectively.

Will fruit snack be provided?

At present it is not certain whether the government or our suppliers will be delivering fruit. Please provide your child with a fruit/vegetable snack until further notice. Children must bring in their own water bottle, which can be refilled in school.

Can children bring school bags to school?

No, this is to minimise the amount of equipment that comes from home to school and from school to home. Children from Year 4 to Year 6 should bring in their own pencil case and equipment. Pencil cases will be kept in school as will diaries. Parents can communicate via the school office email or telephone if required, unfortunately parents will not be permitted to enter the school building without a prior appointment.

When is our child's P.E and Yoga days

All information related to the curriculum will be shared during curriculum meetings which will be held week beginning 7th September. Zoom links will be shared by the end of this week.

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Timings of the school day?

My Leadership Team and I worked very hard when we were arranging the times of the school day. Consideration was placed on social distancing, ensuring year group bubbles do not mix, consideration was also placed on our drop/pick system. I understand that that not all parents will be happy with the timings, as a school we must do all we can to ensure the safety of all children, staff and parents on site, particularly as we still remain in a pandemic. To support children who may have to be collected at an earlier time, with their older sibling, we will upload their last lesson of the day onto Google Classroom, the lesson will then be accessible from their own device. This will ensure children are not missing out on teaching and learning.

Will after school clubs be resuming?

At present clubs will not be resuming until we can work out how to deliver them in year group bubbles, we will discuss our risk assessment with our club leaders and will provide further information before the end of the autumn term. However, Sherpa Kids will be resuming on the 7th September 2020. If you feel that you will struggle with the timings of the day, please contact Sherpa Kids who will be happy to support you.

I hope that the above provides you with the information you require for the beginning of this academic year, I have taken the opportunity to share the timings of the school day in case you do not have time to read the reopening plan before the 2nd September. Please note children will not be supervised before 07:45am. Children who are left at the school gate must be accompanied by an adult and must adhere to social distancing, there are clear markings to support you with this.

Sibling Collection

If you do have children across year groups, you must collect your children at the earlier time. For example, if you have a child in Year 1 and Year 5, you must collect both children at 2:10pm. Please inform the school admin team if this will be the case. Please let them know the names of your children and their year groups so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Year Group	Start Time	End Of Day	Entrance into School
Year 6	07:45am	2pm	Blue gates
Year 5	07:45am	2:10pm	5JJ Blue gates 5SS Blue door
Year 4	08:00am	2:20pm	Blue Door
Year 3	08:00am	2:30pm	Blue Door
Year 2	08:15am	2:40pm	Reception Gates
Year 1	08:15am	2:50pm	Reception Gates
Reception	08:30am	3pm	Reception Gates

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Official Avanti WhatsApp Group

The Official Avanti WhatsApp Group was set up last academic year by my SSC members. We thought that this would be a positive way to answer some of your questions in a quicker form. The information that is posted on this group is communicated by me. Please note that this group is generally a one-way communication and is not to be used to develop conversations which then leads to 'gossip.'

If you do have any further questions, please feel free to email the school office, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

I am really looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school on the 3rd September 2020.

Best regards

Mrs Bellare
Principal.

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