



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all been keeping well. As you are aware, following the government advice, we are re-opening our school next week for all children. Members of staff have been working very hard over this week to ensure the school is safe for children to return. The Government has made it clear that all children must return to school.

All safety measures that we had in place previously, to help reduce the risk of the virus spreading must still be followed by all. In order to help with social distancing there will still be a staggered start in the morning and when collecting your child in the afternoon. Please see the table below:

| Year Group | Start time | Collection from school |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Young Explorers/ Nursery a.m | 8.40a.m | 11.40am |
| Young Explorers/ Nursery p.m | 12.30p.m | 3.30p.m |
| Young Explorers/ Nursery Fulltime | 8.40am | 3.30pm |
| Reception | 8.45a.m | 3.10p.m |
| Year 1 | 8.45a.m | 3.10p.m |
| Year 2 | 9.00a.m | 3.20p.m |
| Year 3 | 9.00a.m | 3.20p.m |
| Year 4 | 8.45a.m | 3.10p.m |
| Year 5 | 8.45a.m | 3.10p.m |
| Year 6 | 8.30a.m | 2.55p.m |

We would like to encourage parents to leave their children at the school gates – there will be staff on duty at the gates who will ensure your child goes safely to their classrooms. Like previously, parents won't be able to go into classes to help settle their child, etc. All children will be expected to wear their school uniform to school and they are encouraged to carry a water bottle from home as all water fountains are turned off and cannot be used.

Can you please read through the following paragraphs to remind yourselves about the rules we have had in place:

1. Entering the school

To adhere to social distancing some school gates are used **to enter** and others **to exit**.

Downsell Road, 'Globe' – entry only

Corner of Downsell and Hall Road – exit only

Brierley Road – both entry and exit. (Please listen to members of staff on duty when entering/exiting)

For Nursery, entrance and exit will be through Nursery Gates, please use the ramp to enter and the staircase to exit.



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Reminders:

Nursery gate is only to be used for Nursery parents.

Those collecting from Year 1 & 2 please do not walk through Year 5 & 6 bubbles/waiting area.

2. Daily routine

Children will line up outside their classroom 2m apart, a member of staff will direct them to enter the classroom and wash their hands immediately. After this they will be directed to their tables where they will be seated with their 'partner' 1m apart from others.

For every 'bubble' the school day will start with assembly/PHSE in their own classroom. PHSE will focus on children's wellbeing and personal hygiene and children will be encouraged to adhere to the rules at all times. After assembly, different aspects of the curriculum will take place.

3. Playtimes and lunchtimes

Children will wash their hands before and after play and, when they stay for lunch, before and after lunchtime. In addition to this, we have purchased water stations which are positioned in the playgrounds where children can wash their hands whilst outside.

Each bubble will be taken outside by an allocated member of staff and bubbles will not mix with each other. They will only use equipment that is assigned to their own bubble.

4. Cleaning of the school building

A cleaner will continue to regularly sanitize classes, toilets, door handles and communal areas throughout the day. In addition, equipment that children use in their bubbles will be steam-cleaned or sanitised before use.

As a school we are doing everything we can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every child and adult on the school grounds. Staff members are aware of the risk assessments with regards to social distancing and hygiene. The playground is marked with lines to help everyone to keep the required 2m distances. Where possible, can I please ask for only one parent/carer to come to collect children. Please ensure you wear a face covering.

We look forward to seeing all children back at school and helping them to continue with their education. Please stay safe during these difficult times.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Chetty



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