

12th June 2020



Well done to all the Reception children who have come back to school this week. It was lovely seeing them so excited to be in school and meet up with their friends.

I am sure you are aware that the government has announced this week that there will be no return this year for other year groups. We do realise how hard this is for the children who are at home and we do wish they could come in but with the current rules there simply is not the space. I hope the phone calls home help them to stay in touch with school and they are important for us to keep that link with the children.

In some cases, we are struggling to get people to answer the phone. If we have not been able to get hold of you for more than two weeks and after several tries, we will email you asking you to call school and confirm that all is ok. If we do not hear from you by email, we will be asking the Education Welfare Officer to carry out a home visit or possibly our police community officer. This is just so that we know that you and your family are ok and have not fallen ill with no support.

Packed Lunches

If you are in Reception, Year One or Year Two and are coming to school, we can provide you with a packed lunch. The lunches are a sandwich, yoghurt or fruit, flapjack or cake and a bag of crisps. This is under the universal infant meals provision and all the lunches are made off site at Fresha kitchens and are all separately bagged and wrapped. If you are in any other year group and qualify for free school meals (means tested) and are in school, we will provide the same lunch.

Thank you to the parents who have emailed school this week to say they do not need a lunch as this really helps to avoid food waste. School has to pay for all the lunches we order, so you are also helping us not to waste money.

Essential Workers

We will be putting up a new online booking form early next week to cover the period from Monday 29th June to Friday 10th July. We will email parents when the booking form goes live. The form will close to bookings on Friday 3rd July at 3pm. You can only book on this form if you have registered with us as an essential worker.

There are no additional spaces for essential workers for the next two weeks (from 15th June) as the groups are set and staffing planned and the groups are full.

Once the bookings close on Friday, we cannot accept further bookings as we need to keep the groups and staffing consistent.

Even if you have previously attended as an essential worker, you still need to make a booking for these times. If you are unsure, please see staff when dropping your children off at school or call the office.

Non-Pupil Day

Previously we were due to have a non-pupil day on Monday 13th July but under the circumstances, we have decided to cancel this. We will be open as planned for groups as booked.

Staffing News

Mrs Pratt begins her maternity leave next week and we wish her well with her family as her baby is due very soon. Miss Kirk is also starting her maternity leave at the end of this term and will be on leave next year.

Mrs Tucker and Mrs Mellors will both be returning from maternity leave next month.

Ms Swannell and Mrs Morris will be leaving us at the end of term and we would like to thank them for their continued support for the children during this tricky time.

New Appointments

We have appointed three new teachers to join us in September. Mrs Bruce, who many of you will know, will be returning to cover Miss Kirk's maternity leave. Mr Inglis, who worked with us as a trainee previously, will be joining us until Mrs Busby-Grayer returns and Mrs Treble (who we don't know well yet!), will be providing PPA cover.

Good Neighbours

We have had a phone call from a house near the back entrance to the school. They have asked if we can remind all parents and children about dropping litter. They said there has been a marked increase since we have had more children back to school. Please put it in your pocket or a bin and we will not only be good neighbours, but help the environment too! Thank you.

Coats

A polite reminder that the children need to have coats as it appears that we have reverted to a typical British summer!

Parking on Site

There will be no parking on the school site between 8am and 4 pm unless you have a blue badge and have registered with us. This includes parents using before and after-school provision. This is due to the increased number of children on site and because we are using different entrances and exits to maintain the integrity of groups.

Thank You

Lastly, a thank you to all the families who have sent in photos of children's leaning or tagged us on twitter so that we can see it there. Thank you also for the lovely comments whether in person or by email; it makes a real difference when people say nice things in these challenging times!