

Monday 13 July 2020

Dear Families

We are writing to update you about arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term 2020. As you will know, schools have been issued with updated guidance; a key part of that is that the government expects all children to return in September.

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we will continue to take additional precautionary methods so that we can safely open to the whole school. We will welcome the children back more slowly than usual so that the children and staff get used to the new arrangements. We will continue to have a staggered beginning and end of the day.

We will have two Professional Days for staff on Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September and school will be closed to all pupils. Children will begin to return from Thursday 3 September (see below for details). These arrangements will be in place until further notice to ensure we keep children and staff safe.

The children will be taught in their classrooms as a whole class by their teacher and TA. The classrooms will be organised to ensure the children and staff maintain the key health measures. Every effort will be made in keeping the children 1m+ away from one another wherever possible. Children in each class can sit side by side, but not face to face. Hygiene rules will still be in place and there will be frequent reminders to wash or sanitise hands, and high use areas will be cleaned regularly during the day.

Playtimes and lunchtime will be organised so that the children do not come into close contact with children from other classes.

The wellbeing of the children is very important to us and we know that many of them will need some time to adjust to school life and being around other pupils again. We will spend the first few days settling the children back into school and assessing where there are any learning gaps. We will continue to offer a broad curriculum to the children.

The children will be able to engage in physical activity as a class. At this time, we have made the decision that we will not take children on any trips in the first half of the Autumn term. Assemblies will take place virtually to avoid being part of a larger group.

We will continue to ask families when they drop off and collect children to come on their own or with a sibling if necessary to limit the number of people we have on the school site at any one time. Each year group has been assigned a gate to enter/exit school (see table below).

We are in the process of working out how we might be able to offer breakfast and after school club. We will keep you updated on how we plan to do this.

Whilst things seem to be returning to normal in many ways, we must stay alert to the fact that Coronavirus is still circulating. We need to remain vigilant and follow advice from Public Health England. We also need to be prepared for possible local lockdowns as we have seen recently in Leicester. Therefore, we are also making plans to resume home-learning should this happen.



We are really looking forward to seeing everyone return to school in September. We are aware that some of you will have reservations about sending your child back to school. I am keen to reassure you that we will do everything we can to make school as safe as possible. We are glad to report that the experience of those attending since March has been both safe and positive. The additional children who have been in school since June have told us that they were really happy to be back in school.

Kind regards



Mr Steve Hayes
Chair of Governors



Mrs Emilie Haston
Head Teacher

Year Group	Day returning to school	Start of the day	End of the day	Gates to use when coming in and out of the school premises
Nursery	Monday 7 September	8.55am	12.00pm (15 hours provision) 3.30pm (30 hours provision)	Blegborough Road
Reception	Monday 7 September	8.55am	3.30pm	Fernthorpe Road
Year 1	Monday 7 September	9.15am	3.45pm	Blegborough Road
Year 2	Monday 7 September	9.15am	3.45pm	Fernthorpe Road
Year 3	Friday 4 September	8.45am	3.15pm	Fernthorpe Road
Year 4	Friday 4 September	8.45am	3.15pm	Cunliffe Street
Year 5 (Saturn & Neptune classes)	Thursday 3 September	9.15am	3.45pm	Cunliffe Street
Year 6	Thursday 3 September	8.55am	3.30pm	Cunliffe Street