

Friday, 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School

Following the Prime Minister's announcement regarding the roadmap out of the current lockdown, all schools in England are due to reopen on **Monday, 8th March**. I am sure that this is welcome news to you all! In school, we are delighted that we will be able to work directly with you all again and I'm sure the children will be excited at the thought of catching up with their friends and classmates.

We will pick up many of the routines and systems that worked successfully in the autumn term, although we will also be making some small changes to ensure that the school is as safe as possible for pupils, parents, carers, staff and visitors. The staff team will meet early next week to complete a full review of our risk assessments and I will write to you again before the children return to confirm the final arrangements for the smooth and safe running of the school day. We are expecting to operate an extended, staggered start and end to the day based on family groupings. So that you know in advance when you will be expected to drop off and pick up, here are the timings we will be trialling when we return:

Groups	Pupils	Drop Off	Pick Up
Group 1	Pupils with surnames A-E	8.40 am	3.00 pm
Group 2	Pupils with surnames F-K	8.45 am	3.05 pm
Group 3	Pupils with surnames L-R	8.50 am	3.10 pm
Group 4	Pupils with surnames S-Z	8.55 am	3.15 pm

Please note that if your child usually attends breakfast club, this will run as it did last term from 8.10 am. A request form will be sent out shortly for you to book your child's place if this is required.



School Dinner Money

In other exciting news, school dinner payments are set to go cashless in March. We will no longer be accepting cash for dinner money; if you have not done so already, please download the **School Gateway** app onto your mobile device to set up your account. You will receive a 4 digit PIN code which you will use to get started.

This new system will provide you with notifications for any unpaid dinner credits; we suggest that dinner money is paid **in advance** at the start of the week to avoid falling behind with payments. Further instructions are provided on the next page.

1. Register

Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school

2. Four digit PIN

School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN

3. Login

Login, you are ready to go!

Remote Learning Activities

Following a positive response to this week's remote learning activities, the teachers will keep the World Book Day theme running for another week. Once again, they will provide a 'lighter' learning day on the Monday (1st March) and a final 4 day pack of work will be ready for collection for the remainder of the week. This will be available for you to pick up from school on **Monday afternoon** at the times you used this week. Please continue to log onto the [Learning Platform](#) each day to access the daily lessons.

Groups	Pupils	Collection Times
Group 1	Pupils with surnames A-E	1.00 – 1.25 pm
Group 2	Pupils with surnames F-K	1.30 – 1.55 pm
Group 3	Pupils with surnames L-R	2.00 – 2.25 pm
Group 4	Pupils with surnames S-Z	2.30 – 2.55 pm

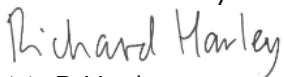
Please follow the school's usual routine for entering the grounds:

- ✓ wear a face covering
- ✓ only one adult collecting
- ✓ observe 2 metre social distancing
- ✓ enter/leave the site as quickly as possible

We really appreciate your efforts with this final push with home learning and we hope that the children enjoy the activities that have been set for the remaining days.

I will write to you again on Thursday next week with the final arrangements for the return to school. In the meantime, stay safe and look after yourselves. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley