



21st July 2021

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to returning to normal in September and we are currently preparing for the start of the Autumn Term. Please see below all the arrangements for the start of term.

Day 1 - Morning 'Drop Off' Arrangements (Monday 6th September ONLY)

- To ensure all children find their way to their new classroom on their first day back at school (Monday 6th September), all class teachers will be in the playground to meet and greet the children.
- The double gates on Highworth Road will open at 8:40am for families to enter the playground.
- Children in **Year 1 and Year 2** will line up with their teacher in the Highworth Road playground.
- Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will walk through to the Stanley Road playground where their class teacher will be waiting.
- All class teachers will be holding up a sign indicating the new class names and their name.
- At 8:55am, the teachers will walk the children into the main building to their new classroom.

Morning 'Drop Off' Arrangements from Tuesday 7th September

- We will be continuing to offer a soft start to the school day, to give children time and space to arrive at school.
- The double gates on Highworth Road will open at 8:40am for families to enter the playground.
- Children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will then walk into school and up to their classroom independently. Children in these year groups can arrive and enter any time between **8:40am – 8:55am**.
- For children in **Year 1 and Year 2**, class teachers will be in the Highworth Road playground from **8:45am – 8:55am** to meet their class and walk them into school together.
- When **Reception** children start, they will follow the same arrangements as above for Year 1 and Year 2.
- All children should arrive by 8:55am, by which time the main gates will close and the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will walk their classes in.

End of the Day Collection Arrangements from Monday 6th September

- All children will be dismissed at the end of the day at **3:15pm**.
- Children in **Reception (once they are full-time), Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3** should be collected from their class line in the Highworth Road playground.
- Children in **Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** should be collected from their class line in the Stanley Road playground. Parents will be able to walk through to the Stanley Road playground from the Highworth Road playground.
- Parents will be free to walk between the two playgrounds to collect children from different year groups.
- **The gates on Stanley Road will not be in use.** All parents must enter and exit via the double gates on Highworth Road.

Breakfast Club

- We are very pleased to be re-launching our Breakfast Club now that bubbles will no longer be required.
- Our Breakfast Club will be running every day from 8am and will start on Monday 6th September.
- If your child is booked in for Breakfast club, please arrive at the new main entrance (which will be the smaller gate on Highworth Road) and press the buzzer. A member of the Bowes team will let your child in and they will then be directed to the Breakfast Club which will be running in the Lower Hall.
- At the end of the session, the KS2 children will then walk up to class, whilst members of the Breakfast Club team will walk the Reception and KS1 children out to meet their class teacher in the playground at 8:45am.

After School Club

- After School Club will also resume from Monday 6th September.
- The Club will run every day until 5:30pm.
- All collection arrangements will now be from the new main entrance (the smaller gate on Highworth Road). On arrival, please press the buzzer and you will be able to speak to a member of the After School Club team.
- At 5:30pm, we walk all the remaining children to the main entrance for collection.
- The Bowes Club buzzer and gate on the Bowes Road will no longer be in use.

Active Uniform

- The children should continue to wear their Active Uniform to school on their PE days. You will receive information about your child's PE days when we return in September. A full list of our uniform can be found [here](#).

Enrichment Clubs

- When we return, we will be working hard to launch some enrichment clubs for the Autumn Term and these will be in mixed year groups. More information will be shared with you in September.

These arrangements will be kept under continual review and could be subject to change.

The latest Government guidance 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges' can be viewed [here](#).

Although there will be changes as part of the easing of restrictions, as a school we will have outbreak management plans in place, as required by the Government, to ensure we are prepared to continue to operate if there is transmission of the virus in our school or the local community. This will mean that if the situation requires it, a bubble system or other measures may need to be temporarily reinstated in the future, and we must stress that the safety measures in place will be continually reviewed and assessed in accordance with Government and local guidance.

As has been the case throughout the pandemic, ensuring the health and safety of our children and staff is our top priority. As such, we will be continuing to encourage good hygiene, including regular hand-washing, maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

As was the case at the start of the pandemic when we had to adjust to a new way of life, this new change again may inevitably create some uncertainty as we all adapt. However, we will continue to work closely together as a school community to ensure the best outcomes for children, staff and our wider community.

Just a reminder that the last day of term is on **Friday** (Thursday for Willow Nursery). To ensure the children are dismissed safely we will have the following collection times in place:

2pm for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Apple Class

2:10pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

We look forward to seeing everyone when we return to school on **Monday 6th September**. If for any reason the Government guidance changes, we will inform you of any adjustments during the summer break. Families travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do all I can to support you.

Best wishes,

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