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## **September: Frequently Asked Questions**

Dear Parents,

This is an updated version of the Frequently Asked Question letter originally sent out in July.

### **Will children be in 'Bubbles'?**

Yes! From September, bubbles will be expanded to 30, so each class will be treated as a separate bubble. Children will only be allowed to mix with their own bubble for lessons, lunch and break times. Teachers will also remain in these bubbles.

### **Will my child's start/finish time change?**

From September we will have staggered start/finish times. Please see the separate letter.

### **What if I miss my child's start or finish time?**

It will be crucial that you stick to the start and finish times. If you miss your child's morning drop-off time, you will be asked to wait until the next safe opportunity for them to enter school. This will probably be after all of the other children have gone in. If collection slots are missed, you will have to wait until all the other classes have been dismissed.

### **Will parents be allowed in school?**

In September parents will not be allowed into school unless a prior appointment has been agreed by Mrs Johnson. We understand that this causes inconvenience but we have to limit the number of people coming in to school. We are always happy to communicate on the phone or via email.

### **Will children be doing their normal lessons?**

Children will transition gradually into their new year group following the 'Recovery Curriculum'. This will focus on the social and emotional aspects of learning and provide opportunities for catch-up on the previous year.





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### **Will classrooms look different?**

As far as possible, we aim to keep the children safe within their usual classroom environments. We will need to make some adjustments to ensure distancing such as spacing out seating and giving children their own equipment to limit sharing of resources. We will also remove some soft items such as cushions but there will not be lots of red tape!

### **Can children bring things in and out of school?**

We have to limit this as much as possible! Reading books will only be sent out and swapped over once per week on a Friday and returned for the following Friday. Book bags may be brought in on Fridays only. Homework will also be sent and returned on days specified by the class teacher,

### **What about school bags?**

A disposable packed-lunch bag can be brought into school. A water bottle may also be brought into school. **No other bags, pencil cases etc. should be brought into school.**

### **Will children do Forest School and PE?**

Yes! PE will be taught weekly and on that day, children will wear PE kit into school so they don't have to bring a change of clothes. Forest School is taught to half of the classes each term. You will be notified of these days on the first newsletter but PE and Forest School will not be taught on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Will there be school lunches?**

Hot school meals will **not** be provided at the start of the year. Children will either need to bring a packed-lunch from home, or book through ParentPay in the usual way – these will be free to children in the lower school and other pupils who would usually be entitled to a free meal but **you must still book.**

### **Will there be Breakfast Club and After School Club?**

Because bubbles cannot be mixed, Breakfast Club and After School Club will not open until at least 28<sup>th</sup> September, although this is still to be confirmed. A booking system will be in place allowing you to book ahead. Other clubs provided by teachers (e.g. sports and crafts) will not go ahead in Term 1.





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### **What happens if a child becomes ill?**

If children have any symptoms of Covid-19, they **must** stay at home and be tested immediately. If a child displays symptoms whilst at school, we will phone parents who must collect them and arrange for a Covid-19 test. If any child tests positive for Covid-19, parents of children in this bubble will be immediately notified.

### **Should children wear masks in school?**

Please see updated information on Welcome Back letter.

### **Will First Aid still be available to children?**

Yes. If a child has an accident, a trained member of staff will take care of them wearing PPE.

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Johnson,  
Principal

