



'Growing & Learning Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after, what we hope, has been a lovely summer break. We are very much looking forward to seeing you and the children on Monday!

We know that the last two academic years have been like no other, with children having experienced a very different school year to normal. As such, we are looking forward to helping them to settle into school and their learning routine as quickly as we can.

We know that everyone in the school community will be approaching Monday with a mix of emotions following the lifting of restrictions last July. As in previous years, we continue to take – and act on – the advice of the Local Authority's Health and Safety Team through their Risk Assessments and Compliance Codes to ensure school is safe for everyone. As such, we are easing some of the systems that were in place last year, but are keeping those we know keep us all safe and well. As a result, we have also had to make some small amendments to the information sent out at the end of last term, but these are very small and we hope that they cause little inconvenience.

While schools are no longer required to operate in bubbles, we are maintaining some of those systems to reduce the number of people on site at each time. As such, we will continue with our staggered pick up and drop off times, but these have changed slightly from last year.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 –

- drop off at 8:40am (EYFS and Year 1 to the Reception gate, Year 2 to the playground gate)
- pick up at 3:10pm.

Year 3/4 –

- drop off at 8:45am at the playground gate
- pick up 3:15pm at the playground gate.

Year 5/6 –

- drop off at 8:45am at the playground gate
- pick up 3:20pm at the playground gate.

As a quick reminder:

- Please continue to observe social distancing and join the queue when dropping off/collecting your child.



- Please continue to wear a mask on site in the same way you do when visiting other places where you are likely to meet lots of people, eg the supermarket.
- Please do not enter the site if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 and please do not send your child to school if they are displaying symptoms.
- Please ensure all clothes, shoes, jackets/coats, lunch boxes and drinks bottles are named. This will help return them to their owner, if they are to go missing.
- Children are not to bring rucksacks into school. They will only need their lunch boxes, drinks bottles and book bag.
- Drinks bottles are to contain water as per the school policy, NOT juice unless for medical reasons and discussed with the class teacher.
- We will continue to have windows open to ensure there is sufficient ventilation in the classrooms. Therefore, children will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather, especially in the colder weather. This may be an additional layer under their school uniform.
- We continue to ensure frequent handwashing and cleaning routines to keep everyone safe throughout the day.
- Please ensure that the school office has your correct contact details in the event we need to contact you should your child become unwell.

We are looking forward to returning to the dining hall to eat at lunchtimes and Norse continue to provide our school meals. Thank you to everyone who returned their dinner options; sadly, we were informed this afternoon that, due to unforeseen circumstances, Norse will only be able to offer packed lunch option on Monday and Tuesday. They hope to return to the full menu on Wednesday. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Finally, we very much look forward to seeing you on Monday and starting a new academic year where we hope to transition back to normal.

Yours sincerely,

Rhiannon Price

