

Thursday 3rd September,

### Start of Term 1 Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September and to welcoming our new reception children as they begin at Chantry early next week. This letter is just to remind you of some of the changes that we have put in place to make sure that school is as safe as possible for all our children, parents and staff.

#### Start/End of the Day:

To minimise the number of people on the school site we will be having a staggered start and end to the day. Each year group has a fifteen minute drop off window and we ask you to drop off throughout this time so that we don't have thirty parents and children arriving at once.

Unfortunately, children will not be able to come into school early as there is a risk they may mix with other classes, if you have children in different year groups, please use the fifteen minute window whenever possible so that you are not having to wait on the playground.

Please do not stay around and chat to other parents as it is important that we keep the class bubbles separate at these busy times. We also ask that you try and avoid children mixing with children in other classes outside school e.g. at JJs park.

| Year Group | Start time    | Collection Time | Gate        | Entrance       |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Reception  | 8.30-8.45 am  | 3.00-3.15 pm    | Main gate   | Reception gate |
| Year 1     | 8.30-8.45 am  | 3.00 pm         | Bottom gate | KS1 door       |
| Year 2     | 9.00-9.15 am  | 3.30 pm         | Main gate   | Front door     |
| Year3      | 8.45-9.00 am  | 3.15 pm         | Bottom gate | KS2 door       |
| Year4      | 8.30 -8.45 am | 3.00 pm         | Front slope | Year 4 door    |
| Year 5     | 8.45-9.00 am  | 3.15 pm         | Front slope | Year 5 door    |
| Year 6     | 9.00-9.15 am  | 3.30 pm         | Bottom gate | Year 6 door    |

#### Class groupings

- Children will be taught in their year group of 30 and each class will not mix with any other children in school.
- The adults who work with the class will remain the same each week.
- We will not be holding assemblies, productions or any other events where larger groups meet until the guidance changes. Children will still be awarded certificates on Fridays but we will celebrate their achievements via our Facebook page and newsletters.

#### Increased hygiene measures

- All Children will wash their hands on entry to school and throughout the day.
- Additional cleaning will take place during the day, including toilets, and classrooms. This includes the emptying of classroom bins in the middle of the day.

#### Equipment

- Children will have named stationery packs for their use. These will not be shared.
- Cloakroom areas will not be used and instead, children will be asked to hang their coats on the back of their chairs. Please only send coats to school when needed.
- Children will not be allowed to bring toys, equipment or bags to school. KS1 and year 3 children may bring a book bag with their reading book and reading record in.
- Please ensure that all jumpers, coats etc. are named. This is vital.
- Please ensure your child brings their own, named water bottle to school each day. This should only contain water and can be refilled throughout the day.

#### Uniform

- Children need to wear school shoes/ trainers in term 1 that are suitable for taking part in sport. These do not need to be black however, trainers with high soles are not suitable for school.
- Children will not need to bring a PE kit during term 1, instead on days when the class have PE we ask that children wear dark grey/black tracksuit bottoms or p.e. shorts to school, together with their school T shirt and jumper.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer Early Bird Club during the first few weeks of term. We recognise that this is difficult for many of our parents and we hope to get this up and running as soon as possible.

If you would like any more information, our guidance for parents and risk assessment can be found on our website. If you have any questions please contact the school office by phone or email.

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely,

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