

19th July 2021

Autumn Term September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking all of you for the support which you continue to offer our school, our staff and children. Despite the significant challenges we have faced this year, our children and staff have shown great resilience and a determination to succeed and so much has been achieved – we feel so very proud of all our children. We can now look forward to the summer break and hopefully a more settled start to the new term on **Thursday 2nd September**.

This letter will set out our plans for September, as they stand at the moment – we are aware that plans may need to change in response to local and national guidance linked to the pandemic. Please take time to read this letter carefully, and if there is anything more you might need to know or need clarification on, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The Government has issued new guidance to schools from September and there will no longer be the need for class bubbles, face masks or isolation for pupils who are identified as a close contact. Although this comes as welcome news, we also need to proceed with caution and be prepared should there be a need to implement some of our previous control measures. As a result, we will move to having phase bubbles instead of class bubbles and we will continue to have staggered start and finish times for the first half term – after which, we will hopefully be in a position to return to even greater normality and resume our usual whole school start and finish times.

Staggered Starts/Finish Times – Autumn Term 1 (Thursday 1st September – 22nd October 2021)

As mentioned above, the children will continue to have phase group staggered start and finish times for the first half term. See times below:

Phase	Drop Off	Collection	Drop off/Collection Point
FS1 - am	9am	12pm	EYFS Entrance
FS1 - pm	12:30pm	3:30pm	EYFS Entrance
FS2	9am	3pm	EYFS Entrance
KS1 (Years 1 & 2)	9am	3pm	Playground
Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4)	8:40am	3:10pm	Playground
Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6)	8:45am	3:15pm	Playground

Bags, Uniform, and PE Kit

In order to minimise the number of items children are bringing to and from school, we ask that they only bring one school bag (containing their school reading book and reading diary), lunch bag, filled water bottle and coat. All children are expected to attend school in their full school uniform – please remember to label your child's uniform with their full name so that lost items can easily be returned. FS2/KS1 children will be able to continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have PE. Children in KS2 should continue to bring their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. Your child's class teacher will inform you of the days they have PE once we return to school in September.

Finally, whilst we are very pleased that the school can begin to return to relative normality in September, coronavirus still remains in the community and it is expected that an increase in cases will be seen once the easing of restrictions comes into force. The above systems of control form part of our ongoing risk assessment and are essential to minimise the risk of spreading the disease, whilst continuing to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. We appreciate your full cooperation with all of the above measures and value your ongoing support.

We will be in touch closer to the start of the September return with any further updates or information as the government guidance is released. We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Thursday 2nd September**.

Take care



Mrs L Ridge

Headteacher