

Friday 26th February 2021

Return to School Monday 8th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th March for a bit of a delayed start to Term 4.

All of the teachers and staff are looking forward to having their classes back in person and have also been busy, planning work to continue on from the remote learning that has been started this term and then quickly move them on in their learning and this work will start from day one, which is why it's so vitally important that we have all children back in school, on time, ready to learn next week.

Just a few reminders that we thought may be useful as it feels more like the start of school year, rather than the start of a new term, with children having been away from school for such a protracted period of time.

All children are expected back in school now - we ran the school safely and successfully during the lockdown period with up to 25% of our total roll on many days and up to 50% capacity in some classes with no outbreaks of Coronavirus, so we are fully confident that this will continue when all children return. Case numbers are currently showing that Canterbury district is one of the lowest in the country with only 8 cases in the whole Canterbury/Herne Bay and Whitstable area, and there are currently no cases at all in the Beltinge area of Herne Bay, which is really positive. If you do have any individual worries or concerns, do contact us via the office e mail account and we will do our best to support you. Our updated school risk assessment, taking into account the new guidance will be posted on our website next week on the policies page.

Entrances are as before, staggered around the school for children arriving at/departing school: and we have put it below for you as a reminder.

Start and Finish times

All children return on 8th March

The gates/Doors will open at **8.20am**

Registration is at **8.40am**

<p><u>Year 5 and Year 6 Bubbles-</u></p> <p>Year 5 and 6 will enter via the Upper School door, next to the nursery gate. Doors open at 8.20am and close at 8.40 am.</p> <p>School ends for Year 5 at 3.20pm and they will be dismissed from the playground. Parents are asked to follow the one way system on site entering via the nursery gate.</p> <p>The Year 6 day will end at 3:20pm and will exit via the Upper School door, next to the nursery gate.</p> <p>We would appreciate parents only accompanying children to the door if an urgent message needs to be passed to the duty teacher, to minimise the number of adults on site. Please leave your child and watch them enter the building at a distance. If parents of the older children are able to meet their children at the school gate at pickup, this will minimise some queuing on the school grounds.</p>	<p><u>Year 1 and Year 2 Bubbles-</u></p> <p>Year 1 will enter via the normal metal entrance gate. Doors open at 8.20am and close at 8.40 am.</p> <p>Year 1 children will be dismissed from the playground at 3.15pm Ladybirds will exit from the courtyard by the SEN outside area Crickets will be dismissed via their classroom door. Parents are asked to then exit the school site via the main gate, having followed the one way system into school, starting at the nursery gate.</p> <p>Year 2 enter school via the hall door. Doors open at 8.20 am and close at 8.40 am. The school day will end for Year 2 at 3.10 pm</p> <p>Busy Bees and Grasshoppers will be dismissed from outside the hall door at the front of the school. Fireflies will be dismissed from their classroom door, opposite the nursery and then parents are asked to exit the school site via the main gate, having followed the one way system into school, starting at the nursery gate. Please could parents not walk through the EYFS outside area to reach the Fireflies Class.</p>
<p><u>Lower Key Stage 2 Bubble-Years 3 and 4</u></p> <p>Year 3/4 will enter via the brown courtyard gate, to the left of the main office. The gate will open at 8.20am and closes at 8.40am</p> <p>We would appreciate parents only accompanying children to the gate in the morning if an urgent message needs to be passed to the duty teacher, to minimise the number of adults grouping together on site. Please leave your child and watch them enter the gate at a distance.</p> <p>School ends for Year 3/4 at 3.20pm and they will be dismissed from the playground. Parents are asked to follow the one way system on site and entering via the nursery gate and leaving via the main gate</p>	<p><u>EYFS Bubble -</u></p> <p>Early Years children will enter via the main school metal gate and make their way to the EY classrooms via their outside area.</p> <p>The gate will open at 8.20am and the first lesson will begin at 8.40am.</p> <p>The day ends at 3.10pm</p> <p>Children will be dismissed from the classroom door and parents are then asked to follow the one way system.</p>

- Please wear a face covering when entering the school site.
- Please follow the one-way system in place and adhere to social distancing rules wherever possible.
- We ask that if your child is accompanied to school, only one parent/carer should attend to minimise the number of people on the school site at any one time and that wherever possible, you let your child walk up to the gates independently, to avoid close groupings. Thank you
- Children (from years 5 and 6) can walk to and from school without an adult, provided permission has been given in writing.
- Please drop off and collect your child quickly – no waiting in the playground or gathering outside the school gates, in order to meet the government guidelines on social distancing.
- Important consolidation lessons will now start for all children at 8.40am so it is important that children are in school punctually: any child arriving after this time will be marked in as late.
- If your child is attending early morning interventions, the invitation letter will explain the drop of times and doors/gates. It is vital that your child attends once confirming their place, so that we are making effective use of our limited funding for as many children as possible.

Friday afternoon:

As before, we will close early on a Friday. This has worked extremely very well over the last term and will therefore continue as part of our new school day/week timings.

Early Years will finish at **12.50pm** and will be dismissed from their normal dismissal points and exit via the one way system.

Year 1 and 2 will finish at **12:55pm** and will be dismissed from their normal dismissal points and exit via the one way system.

Years 3-6 will finish at **1.00pm** and will be dismissed from their normal dismissal points and exit via the one way system.

There will continue to be provision for working parents who are unable to collect due to work commitments: if you have not yet done so, please **contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange this childcare**

Breakfast/After School Club –We will be offering this facility again fully from 8th March. If you would like to use this service, and have not yet booked a place please contact Kindergarten Kids <https://www.kindergartenkids.co.uk/> or contact Jessica on the club's phone 07917 004690 or head office 01227 772200

Equipment – We would like to encourage children to bring in their own set of equipment, to minimise sharing as much as possible. We do not usually encourage children in KS1 to bring in a pencil case, but understand that at this time, you may want your child to have their own set of pencils and pens. Year 1 and 2 would need coloured pencils, an HB pencil and eraser and a glue stick. In Key Stage Two, children will need an HB pencil, eraser, colouring pencils, a black and a blue Berol handwriting pen and a glue stick. Pencil cases should be as small as possible in order to easily fit into their trays. School bags should not need to be brought into school, but a reading book bag should be used for their reading books, and any pieces of homework. If a bag is brought in, it should be no larger than 36cm high and 30cm wide, and not too deep so that it will fit in the lockers provided. PE bags should be kept in the child's locker/peg, where coats and lunch boxes will also be stored during the school day. There is no room in lockers for large backpacks or additional bags, hence the size limit. No other toys/games or equipment etc. should be brought to school each day.

Water Bottles – Each child **MUST** have their own, named water bottle with a sports cap lid. This is to avoid cross contamination/sharing of cups.

Face Masks – children do not need to wear face masks/coverings in school. Adults should wear a when visiting the school office and on the school site. If parents are invited to a meeting, we will also ask you to wear a face mask, although we are trying to limit meetings in person to a real minimum at this present time.

As always, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing our Reculver family back together on Monday 8th March.

Best Wishes

Mrs J Ashley-Jones



Headteacher

