

# Return to School Information

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you have welcomed the news about the return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – we certainly have. I am sure you may also feel a little apprehensive and anxious about this – we are too! From an educational and wellbeing perspective, this has been the best possible news. However, it doesn't mean that the virus that has caused or contributed to more than 120,000 UK deaths has suddenly disappeared and, as I'm sure you will understand, there are many complex and wide ranging circumstances which mean that anxiety levels are naturally high amongst staff and so many others in our school community. We're a team and we will work together to make this as easy and as safe as we possibly can for everyone.

Before I outline the plans for the return, I would like to say an enormous thank you to you all for adapting and being so on board with our remote learning provision over the past few weeks. I would also like to say an enormous thank you to the staff – they have worked tirelessly to ensure that they deliver the best possible provision whilst being on an enormously steep learning curve themselves. Step by step, bit by bit, we did it and we have come out the other side with a definite ray of light at the end of the tunnel.

With regards to the return on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, here are some reminders about our routines and expectations:

		<b>Willow, Ash and Elm</b>	<b>Oak Beech and Hazel</b>
<b>Arrival</b>		8.40 – 9.00 through the main front entrance.	8.40 – 9.00 through the gate opposite village hall.
<b>Home time (changes made)</b>		We are going to operate a one-way system for picking up at the end of the day. Please pick Willow children up at the front door. If you have any other children in school you will then need to enter the school grounds via the gate next to Church (We refer to this as the Coppice gate). Please pick children up in this order: Willow – front door Ash - rear classroom door Oak – Hall door (bifold doors facing the red bricks) Elm – rear classroom door Beech – rear classroom door	

		<p>Hazel – rear classroom door          You will then leave the school site via the path and gate opposite the village hall (down the ramp).          To help this, you will need to keep things moving. Children will be ready to be collected at the allocated times below. Please collect the children and move on to picking siblings up. Whilst we would enjoy to stand and chat, it's important that we keep this to an absolute minimum. If you need to speak to class teachers, please call them after getting home or send an email. This is only going to work if you follow the one way system and leave as quickly as possible. <b>PLEASE ARRIVE AND PARK JUST BEFORE YOU COLLECT TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK AND TOO MANY GATHERING. E.G. IF YOU ARE COLLECTING AT 3.15PM PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE AT 3.00PM.</b></p>	
	<b>3.05pm</b>	<p>Willow children with NO siblings - front door.          Ash Children with NO siblings - rear classroom door          Elm Children with NO siblings - rear classroom door</p>	
	<b>3.10pm</b>	<p>All other Willow, Ash and Elm          Willow – front door          Ash – rear classroom door          Elm - rear classroom door</p>	<p>Oak, Beech and Hazel children with KS1 siblings.          Oak – Hall door (bifold doors facing the red bricks)          Beech – rear classroom door          Hazel - rear classroom door</p>
	<b>3.15pm</b>		<p>All other Oak, Beech and Hazel.          Oak – Hall door (bifold doors facing the red bricks)          Beech – rear classroom door          Hazel - rear classroom door</p>
<b>Bubbles</b>		<p>Each class will be considered as one bubble. Children will not move between bubbles and staff movement will be limited to when it is absolutely necessary.</p>	
<b>Transport</b>		<p>There will be school transport for eligible children. This will stop in front of the school gate and not pull onto the school site. The minibus will approach school from Church Lane where the sliding passenger door will allow children to get off safely straight onto school grounds rather than onto the road.</p>	

<b>Handwashing</b>		Set hand washing times - on entry, immediately after break time, before lunch, immediately after lunch, 2pm-2.15 (or immediately after pm play in KS1).
<b>Uniform</b>		Children must wear full school uniform as specified in our policy (please see the website) Children to come to school in PE kit/Forest School kit on the appropriate days. Please ensure correct PE kit is worn. Children can wear additional layers along with gilets/fleeces, etc if classrooms are colder than usual.
<b>Equipment</b>		Children will be provided with their own equipment in school. If they bring their own pencil cases, these must stay in school. Water bottles – please ensure that they are labelled and filled every morning. Bags are allowed – please limit this to one when possible
<b>Lunches</b>		If you are requiring a school lunch for your child(ren) and/or snack, this must be booked via the website by 2pm on a Thursday for the following week.
<b>Worship</b>		We will continue to stream Worship to classes Monday to Thursday. However, I would like to invite parents to join our Friday Celebration Worship at 1.10pm every week. Links will be sent out within an hour of the start of Worship.

A few other things to remember:

- When on the school site please maintain social distancing and wear a face covering.
- Follow the one way system around the village.
- Please communicate with staff via email or phone.
- Please ensure that you continue to follow government rules and guidance – any hint of anyone not following the rules and it will be challenged. We have a responsibility to each other to keep everybody safe.
- Attendance is compulsory – if you have any worries, please talk to us.
- Punctuality – School starts at 9am. Please ensure children are here in good time to settle and be ready for their learning.
- Parents Evenings – weeks commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This will be an opportunity to have a conversation with class teachers. It will be a bit of a “Reverse” parents evening this time, giving you the chance to feed back to staff where you feel your child(ren) are at, what their successes have been during this lockdown and what area of development you would like them to focus on.

We will tailor the curriculum and learning to suit the children and will be looking very carefully at how we can offer the best possible support for all our children. We will take into account, first and foremost, how children are socially, emotionally and then academically. We have a wide range of support systems that we will bring in as needed.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you again soon but please do not hesitate to contact us before then if you have any problems or concerns that we can help you with.

Take Care

Iestyn Lewis and the Team