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## Whole School letter – Welcome Back

2/3/20

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and want to thank you for all that you have done to support your child's learning since January. We have continued to work hard to ensure the school is well prepared to have all the children back safely and this includes all the changes we had in place in the Autumn Term to how children and parents come in and out of the school and move around school. We have updated our parent booklet which explains everything more thoroughly and will accompany this letter but I would like to summarise and remind you of the main points for you. We do expect everyone to follow the changes as they are all in place to keep everyone safe and everyone's cooperation and patience at this time is appreciated.

There is a **barrier on the main car park** and this car park is **for staff only**. Any parents with a **blue disabled badge please telephone the school office** for advice. No parents or visitors are allowed in the school office at this time unless you have been given an appointment so please do not just turn up as you will be turned away. If you need any information please ring on 0191 274 5290, check our website or social media pages or email the admin email above.

**All adults must wear a mask when coming onto the school site** unless they are exempt.

**Breakfast club** is available and wrap around but parents must ring the school to book a place in advance, children **can not just turn up on the day**, again if this happens you will be sent away. If your child had a place at Breakfast club before Christmas they will automatically be on the list. Breakfast club start times and access are as follows, **please note that parents and children must queue socially distanced at all entrances when accessing the site, only one parent/carer to drop off and children must remain by their side and not run around:**

**8.10am Y6** (start time for all Y6), Leopards main hall entrance, Zebras gym entrance. **Y1** use the Early Years dining hall and access via the sand and water entrance, having accessed the site by the lower gate on Derwent Street. Please follow the one way systems.

**8.15am Y5** access the main hall and **Y4** by the gym, Reception use the Early Years dining hall and access via the sand and water entrance having accessed the site by the lower gate on Derwent Street. Please follow the one way systems.

**8.20am Y3** access the main hall and **Y2** access the gym.

**At 8.30am the doors to breakfast club will close** and children after that will need to come at their year group start time and via the correct entrance. **We will not be using the minibuses for breakfast club for now.**

All parents/carers must queue socially distanced when dropping off and collecting their children. Please use the white markings outside the gates for this. You must access the correct gate and follow the one way systems. There will be no time to speak to staff at these times and you must leave the premises immediately. If you have any queries, concerns or questions please contact us via the telephone or email. If you have to take children to different entrances at different times you will need to wait outside the school grounds until the allotted time. Families with Y3 and Y1 children who have the same drop off time must drop Y3 children off first.

**8.45am Y2** use entrance on top yard and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

**8.50am for Y4** children as above. **8.55am for Y3** as above. **9am for Y5** as above. Please come at the exact time and not early or late, thank you.

**8.55am Y1** use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

**9.05am Reception** use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

**9.15am Nursery** use the entrance on Derwent Street and follow the one way system and form a socially distance queue.

**0-3** is open from **8am to 5pm** – please use the main entrance, the wrap around entrance is not to be used at this time.

**Finish times: All parents must socially distanced queue when waiting for their children, please come at your allotted time, not early or late. Thank you.**

**2.45pm children in Y4, 5 & 6 who we have permission from parents to walk home** alone will leave from the Axwell Park View gate by the Y6 classrooms.

**2.45pm Y6** will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

**2.45pm Nursery** parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

**2.50pm Y2 and their Y3, 4, 5 & 6 siblings** will leave via the hall and gym and parents must access the site via the main gate on Deval Road. Seals will leave from the gym and Penguins from the hall. Parents must socially distance queue.

**3pm Y4** will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

**2.55pm Reception** parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

**3pm Y3 children and their siblings from Y4, 5 and 6** will leave from the hall and gym and parents must access the site via the main gate on Deleval Road. Elephants will leave from the gym and Tigers from the hall. Parents must socially distance queue.

**3.10pm Y1** parents will access via Derwent Street following the one way system and socially distance queue.

**3.10pm Y5** will leave to meet parents via the door to the top yard. They will be handed over one at a time to the parents in the queue and then must leave the site immediately.

Children staying for wrap around will be taken there by staff. Some clubs will start from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March (information to follow) but swimming and tuition will not start until after the Easter holidays. In Harmony for children up to and including Y4 will start from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March more information will follow shortly.

Children must bring back their reading books, library books and all completed work. Books will be cleaned in school. Children will be expected to take and bring back reading folders daily as usual.

Tablets, ipads and chrome books need to remain at home as children will use them for homework, catchup and incase they have to isolate. Every child should have a device now if they needed one, if you still require a device please contact the school office.

Finally, all staff have been doing twice weekly lateral flow tests since January and the Government has now announced that parents can access these tests for themselves to do at home. Please use the link below if you would like more information or order **test kits for your family**:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We are looking forward to having everyone together again in a safe way and essentially school will run as it did in the Autumn Term, **attendance is mandatory**.

**Warmest regards**

**Mrs Robson**

