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Covid-19 Risk Assessment Update



Dear Families,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back to school next week and hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday with your family and friends. We very much look forward to hearing the children's news and tales of their adventures over the holidays and catching up with all our families too.

I am pleased to be able to write to you with some updated information about how we will operate in September. As we anticipated when we wrote in July, we have now received guidance from the Department for Education to reduce some of the measures that had been in place previously so that some elements of school life as we remembered them pre-Covid will return.

Despite the changes outlined below, we are committed to continue to:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We also recognise as we start the autumn term there are many uncertainties and will continue to monitor the guidance for schools, particularly in relation to the public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19. In addition to our risk assessment we have written a contingency plan, both of which are available on the school website.

As of Monday 6th September, the following arrangements will be in place:

***Beginning of the school day:**

There will no longer be a need to stagger arrival times in school. The gates to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds will be open between 8.45 and 8.55am, giving families a ten minute window to arrive in school. Our current routine of dropping children at the gate will remain in place and we ask parents not to come onto the playground at the start of the school day. This allows learning to get off to a flying start in the classrooms and we have found that our children settle much more quickly saying goodbye at the gate!

***End of the school day:**

Our KS1 and KS2 gates will open at 3.10pm and parents will be invited to come onto the playground to collect your children in the way we used to.

-Children in our new Reception class will be collected at 3.15pm from the white fenced area at the back of the Reception classroom, accessed through the KS2 playground.

-Children in KS1 will leave at 3.15pm from the KS1 playground where staff will do a face to face hand over, releasing children to their parent/carer when they have seen them.

-Children in KS2 will come onto the playground at 3.20pm with their teacher and be released to you.

A member of staff will be present on both gates to ensure that no children leave the school premises unaccompanied.

***Walking Bus:**

The Walking Bus will re-start and operate from the Roman Palace in the mornings only. Mrs Carter has very kindly agreed to lead this initiative for us. Children can be dropped off by the café at the Roman Palace where Mrs Carter will meet them at 8.40am. The Walking Bus will depart promptly at 8.45am.

***Bubbles:**

There will no longer be bubbles in school so the children will be able to move freely around the building again and able to play with children from different year groups at playtimes. The children will be able to mix at lunchtimes when eating in the hall and we will be able to hold assemblies again. This will also enable us to set up Book Buddies, Football referees, Worship team and other initiatives that allow the children to support one another's learning across the school community. We will be making some of these changes gradually however so that the children can get used to them at their own speed and so, for example, we will have assemblies in smaller groups initially.

***PE Kits:**

PE kits should be brought to school each Monday morning. Children will change for PE in school and kits will be kept in cloakrooms, returned at the end of each week to be washed.

***Face coverings:**

We will no longer request that parents wear face coverings on the pathways around school but welcome you to do so if this makes you feel more comfortable. Some staff may still wear face coverings in communal areas of school and on pathways but this will be optional.

***Stationery:**

The school will provide your child with the stationery they need for the school day. We are not asking parents to provide pencil cases this year.

***Before and after school clubs:**

We wrote to you before the summer holiday with news about the availability of before and after school clubs and with details about how to sign up. We will be writing again shortly with news about a choice of two free of charge sports clubs for those children in Y1 and Y2 during the autumn term on Friday afternoons (this opportunity will be made available to Y3/4 in the spring and Y5/6 in the summer).

***Attending school:**

As with the current protocols, any child displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should not attend school and should be tested using a PCR test (not a lateral flow). If anyone in school develops symptoms they will be sent home and then tested using a PCR test before returning to school with a negative test OR, in the case of a positive test, self-isolating for 10 days.

***School uniform:**

All children must wear the correct uniform on our return in September, including proper school shoes (please note that children should not wear trainers or boots to school, even in the winter) and PE kits.

Hair long enough to be tied back must be at all times when the children are in school.

We have adapted our PE kit to ensure that those children wishing to do so, may wear black shorts moving forward. The children starting with us in Reception class and those replacing PE kit as the children grow out of it, should please purchase black PE shorts.

Leavers Hoodies for children in Year 6 must only be worn for trips, the residential visit and for PE sessions.

***Travelling to and from school:**

Children in Y5/6 may walk home unaccompanied only once we have received the written consent of parents. We request that those parents of children in Y5/6 wishing for their children to walk home send an email to the school office confirming that this is the case.

No children should be riding to school on a bike unaccompanied by an adult. Only children in Year 6, following successful completion of the Bikeability training and with written consent from their parents may cycle unaccompanied.

***NEW Behaviour for Learning and Life and Home Learning policies:**

These revised school policies are both available for you to access on the school website-

<https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=929&type=pdf> (Behaviour for Learning and Life)

<https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=932&type=pdf> (Home learning)

***Meet the Teacher meetings:**

We are really looking forward to many of the usual events taking place in person again but have made the decision that our Meet the Teacher meetings in the first week of term will take place on Zoom. A zoom address will be sent out on the day and the meeting recorded and added to Seesaw for any parents not able to make the meeting time. The meeting will take place at 4.00pm to give families time to get home safely.

Mon 6th Sep: Y5 Meet the Teacher

Tue 7th Sep: Y6 and Y2 Meet the Teacher

Wed 8th Sep: Y3 and Y4 Meet the Teacher

Thu 9th Sep: Y1 Meet the Teacher

If you have any questions about anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward very much indeed to welcoming you back to school next week!

Every best wish,

Naomi Day