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Frequently Asked Questions

Are they allowed school bags?

Yes, however if they can bring as little to school as possible it will reduce congestion. So if they can carry in their snack with no need of a bag that would be good.

Will pencils, rubbers etc. be provided?

Yes, there is no need for your child to bring a pencil case or any stationery to school. Each child will have their own set provided.

Will my child need a P.E. kit?

Not yet. We will, however, be doing some games for P.E. outside so appropriate shoes for running around would be useful.

Are they changing to indoor shoes?

Yes, indoor shoes are still required.

Will they need their red book bags?

As with school bags, this shouldn't be necessary. Reading books are to be quarantined for 72 hours between uses if they go home so this will be a limited option.

Who should be quarantining?

Government guidelines should be followed on this included for those returning from holidays abroad where their holiday destination has been identified for quarantining on return.

Pupils must be kept at home if they or someone at home is displaying symptoms. Please keep an eye on their temperature.

Are they allowed snacks and packed lunches?

They are but these must arrive in the morning with the child. These things cannot be handed in during the day so we will give a snack or school lunch where appropriate. Please make sure all tubs, lunch bags, water bottles etc. are clean every day.

Will someone be in the playground to greet my child?

Yes, but this will be close to 9am. Please send your child in as close to bell time as possible and please do not linger outside the gates as social distancing is vital and everyone will need space.

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P1 parents can enter the playground through the infant playground steps. P2 can be dropped off to staff at those steps.

Mrs Davidson and Miss Cordiner's class should come up the ramp and head towards the front door – staff will be there. They will also exit by the ramp.

Mrs Elrick, Mrs. Biffen and Mrs A Watson's Classes will use the upper stages playground gate with steps.

How will playtime and lunchtime work?

Miss Stevenson's class will use the nursery outdoor area.

Mrs I Watson, Miss Cordiner and Mrs Davidson's classes will use the infant playground.

Mrs Elrick, Mrs. Biffen and Mrs A Watson's Classes will use the upper stages playground.

The eldest two classes will go and collect their lunches first and use their own classrooms before going to play.

P1 will eat in the dinner hall once they are attending for full days.

The remaining classes will play for a short time while P1 are being settled and then they will also use the dinner hall, away from P1.

Will the end of the day be staggered?

Not yet, we hope that using well spaced exits will be enough so that we can avoid any inconvenience for parents but this may change if we feel the pavement is too congested. We would ask parents not to bring cars if they are able to walk home.

Do they have to wear school uniform?

It is important that pupils wear clean clothes each day, so school uniform is not compulsory. The most important thing is comfort. Please make sure your child is dressed for the school being chilly as the windows must be kept open for ventilation. Please also remember we use messy materials at school so perhaps best clothes would not be appropriate.

Do pupils have to social distance?

Not from each other but, within reason, they should distance from adults.

Who is allowed to wear a mask?

Anyone is allowed to wear a mask. Staff will wear them in interactions with parents and when within two metres of a child for 15 minutes or more.

Is this how it will be all year?

We don't know. We will hope for things to ease but will be responding as government guidelines require.

Please let your child know what to expect, but reassure them that in many ways we will just be our normal cheery selves and we are really excited to be back to school.