

## **INFORMATION:: PART OPENING:: SPRING 2021**

**last update 8<sup>th</sup>Jan**

Dear parents and staff

This week has been tough for all of us. At the start of the pandemic, I don't think any of us could have envisaged being where we are now a whole 9 months later, back again in a full lockdown, with all the impossible juggling and anxiety that entails. Given the late notice of the lockdown, the staff have been amazing (but please know parents -we are not there yet) and the parent body, as always, have been so supportive and understanding.

Staff are keen to get it as right for pupils and parents as they can. It goes without saying that people will have different needs and opinions regarding online learning in particular, but I think we all agree that now, nearly a whole year on, we have to do everything we can to maintain the traction with children's learning. There is an understandable sense of urgency amongst both staff and parents and there have been some fraught moments this week. Parents please know we anticipate being fully operational (as in all aspects of the provision in place and functioning well) by the middle of next week.

The information in this document will be reviewed, adapted and re-communicated on an ongoing basis.

A survey will be sent to staff and parents on a two weekly basis to inform the review. This week's survey can be found at

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAO\\_RdCbIRUMjUzM0EwUTM2SDITUDk2NVZTWWTQ5WEFYVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAO_RdCbIRUMjUzM0EwUTM2SDITUDk2NVZTWWTQ5WEFYVS4u)

Any **update will be in red**

### **Next steps already agreed:**

- A Timetables for each phase established and embedded
- B IT devices for families who need them
- C Review functionality of Tapestry (FS/KS1)
- D Establish systems for supporting pupils with their individual reading

## **SCHOOL LEARNING**

### **Signing up for school**

Please follow the link below to book your child a place in school. We will repeat this every 2 weeks. Please complete this and submit it by 12.00noon on Wednesday 13th January 2021.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAIAAAAO\\_RdCbIRURURYR0pJWIdNTExLNktTTVI0VzA2SkdLNS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAIAAAAO_RdCbIRURURYR0pJWIdNTExLNktTTVI0VzA2SkdLNS4u)

## **Numbers in school**

We have, at present, about 100 pupils coming into school across the week. This is partly because the key worker list has been extended and this number reflects the national picture. We will consider further requests but please be mindful we are treading a tightrope here between pupil educational and emotional welfare and staff safety and we are having to make some difficult decisions.

## **What do my children need to bring to school?**

Washable bag

Inhalers- Please remember to bring in inhalers and medication, if we do not already have them in school.

Packed lunch(unless ordering a school one).If your child is eligible for Universal Free School Meals (Rec/ Yr1/2) or Free School Meals a packed lunch can be provided on the day - your child/ren will be asked what they would like in their baguette during registration. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if they are not eligible for either of the above.

Healthy snack-Fruit and veg has been cancelled. Please can we remind everyone to provide their child/ren with a snack for their break time while they are in school - please can we ensure it is either a piece of fruit / veg or a healthy snack.

Water bottle(but not Nursery children)

Hand cream- children bringing in their own hand lotion should make sure it has their name on it.

Reading records and books every day please

## **What should they wear?**

School uniform to be worn.

Warm weather clothing- we will still look to work outside whenever possible

Shoes that are practical and sensible for outdoor learning. For the younger pupils- shoes that don't have laces or children that can tie laces.

PE Kits in by Monday please - we will keep these in school.

We would suggest that once your child arrives back home, they change their clothes immediately and the clothes they've worn at school are washed.

## **Entering and exiting school**

We will be insisting that all adults entering the grounds wear a mask and remain socially distanced if they need to line up. There will be no exceptions made.

Please can you make sure your child washes their hands with soap and water prior to leaving home in the morning and as soon as they return home in the afternoon.

Please bring as few people to the school as possible to limit the number of people on the school site- only one parent to accompany the child to school.

The car park and drop off zone will be closed to traffic- this to allow safe flow of pedestrians into school. Please park away from school and walk in.

8.45 School starts

3.15 Pick up time

(Nursery please continue to come in at **9.00am** but please come to the main Nursery entrance via the gate on Church Lane and up the slope)

Entrances:

5/6- top field gate

3/4- bottom playground

2- up the steps and in the small gate outside Azure class

R/Yr 1- Common Gate and down

### **Wrap Round Cover-**

Breakfast Club and Fun Club will be on as usual. You need to sign up for it and pay online as usual <https://schoolcomms.com/>- Please note, Fridays, are only open until 5.00pm not 5.30pm.

### **Lunchtimes**

All children will have a packed lunch, either provided by home or ordered from school.

Children will eat in the hall or their classroom.

Please ensure children can open everything in their lunch box to enable us to maintain the social distancing guidelines. All rubbish from home packed lunches will be sent home.

### **Contact with school**

Please phone or email wherever possible. The answer phone will not be used and admin staff will be available to answer any of your queries.

If you need a longer conversation to discuss your child, the office will organise a telephone appointment for you with the relevant member of staff so avoiding face to face meetings.

If you do need to come into the school –you will need to initially speak on the intercom. There will be a queuing system as elsewhere and hand sanitiser at the entrance, to use before you enter. Please try and avoid coming into the school office unless it is an emergency.

If you have any questions linked to your child’s learning or concerns then please contact your child’s teacher on their class email.

If you need to email your child’s class teacher and they are in school teaching key worker pupils, please do not expect a reply during the school day. Emails will be responded to after the school day/within 24 hours.

## **Teaching and learning**

Mornings- Maths and English focus

Afternoons- other subjects

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

English and maths remote learning will look to complement what is happening in school to enable those pupils who are working in both contexts to cross from one to the other with relative ease and to ensure equality of opportunity.

**Online teaching**--direct online teaching ‘slots’ to avoid, as far as is possible, clashes with siblings working in other classes.

Daily:

- 8.30- 9.30 yr 3/4
- 9.30- 10.30 yr 2
- 9.00 - 9:30 yr 1 Phonics
- 10:15-11:00 yr 1 Maths
- 10.30- 11.30 yr 5/6
- 11.30-12.30 yr 3/4
- 12.30-1.30 yr 2
- 1.30-2.30 yr 5/6
- 1.45 -2.15 yr R (Thursdays) yr 1 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - sharing and talking the morning’s learning

To access the live sessions, please follow these instructions:

1. Log on to your child’s school email account and click on the nine dots in the upper right corner of the screen.
2. Click on Google Classroom.
3. Click on the + button in the upper right corner of the screen.
4. Click ‘Join a Class’.
5. Enter the code/ joining link for your class

You only have to join once - not every time you log on, so most of the time they will only have to do steps one and two and then they will be in.

Once you have completed the above five steps, we will be able to send you Google Meet links for the live sessions. We will send a link immediately before each session is due to start. The link will be different every time, so you must follow the most recent link to access the correct Google Meet.

If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact the class teacher or the school office.

Please see individual letters for different phases for further guidance.

Some year groups will be pre-recording material to be watched at intervals throughout the day.

All lessons will be recorded for safeguarding purposes.

We want to establish timetables for pupil learning so pupils/ parents have a structure to work to and upon which to hang their expectations. We expect these to be fully embedded by the end of next week.

Consideration is needed for families without multiple devices. We are looking to purchase laptops and/or to provide paper copies of learning for families (upon request).

Please note it is possible to operate Google Classrooms through Xbox and Playstations.

### **Content of teaching and learning online**

Focus of direct online teaching and learning (and pre-recorded) - maths, English, phonics, reading as well as for yr R/1- learning catch up and snack and chat.

Focus of padlet - other subjects

Means provided for all pupils to show their English and maths work - and receive feedback

Expectation that all pupils complete their English and maths work

Broader curriculum through Padlet / Tapestry- means for pupils to upload their learning and receive feedback from teacher or class.