



3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a great summer and we are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 6th September 2021. Outlined below are a few reminders of procedures for parents to follow from next week.

Safety Measures

Although we are delighted that restrictions have been lifted we are taking a cautious approach to the return to school. In doing this we hope to reduce the number of positive cases within the school and offer the children as effective experience as possible.

Children will no longer be required to remain in class bubbles, allowing for much more interaction between children. Individuals will also not be required to wear face masks. Children will also not be required to sit in forward facing rows.

However, individuals (including parents) may prefer to continue to wear face masks when on the school site, and this is totally understandable.

Other safety measures which will continue are:

- Regular hand washing for all throughout the school day.
- Enhanced cleaning schedule.
- Excellent ventilation-windows will always be open, meaning that school will be cold on certain days.
- Whole school gatherings will be either outside or within the school hall, which will be ventilated. These will not be available to parents initially (this will be reviewed at the end of September 2021).
- Essential visitors only within school (we will review this at the end of September 2021).
- Staff members will continue to take Lateral Flow Tests twice a week (the Government are also reviewing this at the end of September 2021).



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Arrival and Collection Times In September

The school doors will be open for all children at 8.35am. Children can arrive anytime between 8.35am-8.50am. The registers will be taken at 8.55am so it is important that all children are in school by this time at the latest. This will mean there is a natural staggering of children arriving on site, also reducing the flow of traffic.

Home times will be 3.10pm for Infant Children and 3.20pm for Junior Children. Miss Montgomery's class will continue to come and go from school from the back entrance, with all other classes arriving and being collected from the front of the building.

New EYFS children: As in previous years, we will be asking our new starters in Reception to attend on a part time basis for a few days to allow them time to familiarise themselves with their new environment. This is especially important this coming year as we have had limited transition days due to the Covid 19 pandemic and we want to ensure all our new children have a settled start to school.

The first week of term (September 6th - September 10th 2021) our new EYFS children will be attending school for half days only. They need to arrive anytime from 8.35-8.50am (as outlined above) and be collected at 11.45am. From Monday 13th September all EYFS children will be attending school full time, being collected at 3.10pm.

Nursery

We are delighted to confirm that over the summer period we have had confirmation that we are now able to provide Nursery aged children with Catholic education and care. We are able to take children from the term after they are 3 years old. If you know of any parents who would be interested in this offer, please direct them to phone the school office on (01629) 583616.

Stationery

Please can all children from Years 1-6 come to school with a pencil case, containing basic stationery (pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, colours), a water bottle (water only please) and a healthy snack, if desired. Spare stationery will be available for all children. Free fruit will be available for all Infant children.



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School Uniform

As in other years, children are able to wear the Summer or Winter Uniform up until October Half Term. This is due to the weather being rather changeable and hard to predict for September. After October Half Term we expect to see all children wearing a full Winter Uniform.

On PE Days children are to continue to come dressed in their school PE kit on their designated PE day.

[school-uniform-policy-september-2018.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)

Class Newsletters

During the first week of term, each class will receive a class newsletter, outlining key details for their individual class, such as information regarding PE/Swimming days and homework requirements.

Wrap Around Care.

We are pleased to inform parents that we are able to offer Wrap Around Care from September:

- Early Learners Club 7.45-8.45am
- After School Club 3.10/3.20pm -5.00pm

The charges for these sessions will be £3.50 for Early Club, £3.50 until 4.30pm or £5.00 until 5.00pm at After School Club.

We do require parents to book places for Wrap Around Care in advance. Should you wish to book any sessions for Wrap Around Care, please contact the School Office.

Class DOJO

Class DOJO will remain the main method of communication between parents and school. Please remember to check this regularly for updates! Staff members will respond to Class DOJO messages as soon as possible (this will be within the hours of 8am-5pm term time only). Please remember to always phone the school office to report absence-Class DOJO messages are not always seen so it is important that parents phone the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all students on Monday 6th September 2021!

Regards

Mrs Chadbourne



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*St Ralph Sherwin, Holy Priest and Martyr,
You have shown us the deep joy that comes from
trusting in God, and the great things that can be
done when we live how Jesus wants us to each day.*

*Pray for us that we may also follow Jesus with
the same commitment and love, so that we may
experience his perfect loving friendship and then
to have the courage, to share it with all we meet.*

'today not tomorrow.'

Amen



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