



Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers

As the end of term rapidly approaches, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during yet another disrupted academic year and the hard work that everyone across the community has undertaken to keep children learning and keeping everyone safe. At the beginning of last week, we all felt a great sense of hope with some form of "normality" on the horizon. We are all looking forward to the changes that have been suggested in DfE guidance for schools when they return in September, the removal of bubbles, being able to meet altogether for assemblies and the opportunity to offer after school and lunchtime clubs for children from different year groups.

However, at this time I have chosen to share with you what the school would **INTEND** to do from the beginning of next year, but will send further information and details to parents during the summer holidays. The reason for this is that we know how quickly decisions about how schools need to operate can quickly change. I do not want to send a lengthy communication at this time, as it may be that the plans will be subject to change, and this would cause confusion at a time when the school is not open and unable to answer any queries or concerns.

The following information is based upon the guidance that schools received at the beginning of July. When I write to you all over the summer holiday period, I would like to be able to confirm the following:

Removal of staggered start and leave.

The school day will return to:-

- 8:50am -3:25pm for EYFS and KS1
- 8:50am -3:30pm for children in KS2
- Registration for all children will be at 8:55am and children need to be in class by this time.

Over the summer holidays additional playground space is being created where the redundant swimming pool is currently sited and additional toilets are being built in existing cloakroom areas. This means that we will be re-allocating entry/exit doors for pupils at the beginning and end of the school day, along with waiting areas for parents from September. The details of this will be sent out on a site map towards the end of the holidays.

Removal of bubbles

The current guidance suggests that children can now mix, so as a result we will be able to reintroduce indoor whole school assemblies and accommodate all children across the school having a hot lunch on the days that parents request. We can now shorten the length of lunchtime as more children will be able to eat in the hall together. Lunchtimes will return once again to 12:00-1:00pm for KS1 and 12:15-1:15pm for KS2. Please use Parentmail to book and pay for your child's chosen dinner arrangements. We are also really looking forward to collecting all our lovely reading books from across the school and opening the school library.

The school will be revisiting its risk assessment in line with guidance and will continue with:

- Regular handwashing throughout the day
- Enhanced personal hygiene – use of tissue and washing hands.
- Cleaning during the school day as well as at the end
- Ventilation, all windows will be opened to ensure air flow.
- Securing a specified space for children who are symptomatic, where they can be safely supervised whilst awaiting collection. This area will remain as the main office foyer.
- Revised visitors' policy

- o Parents and carers continuing to communicate to class teachers with messages via class and office email addresses. This ensures that messages are put in writing and go directly to the right person.

The debate about the wearing of masks continues to be argued as does the phrase 'personal responsibility'. The school has been very grateful to those members of the school community who have worn face masks when on site.

Catching -up on learning.

As a result of the number of replies to the catch-up learning questionnaire and feedback from pupil reports, the school has been able to respond by enabling some maths, reading, and writing activities to be set via Purple Mash for children to access and complete should you choose to. Class teachers have also provided opportunities for children to engage in learning based upon the topics that they will be covering next year.

Please be reassured that this learning is optional and has been made available to all children across the school given the number of replies to the questionnaire that the school received. Teachers will be making sure that children's logins to Purple Mash are sent home at the end of the week should these have been forgotten. Some of the tasks are games, self-marking, and fun things to play.

Summer holiday reading

Enjoying books together and book talk is an essential part of helping children to develop key skills and a love of books. This year Suffolk Libraries are organising the summer reading challenge on the theme of "Wild World Heroes" We would really like children to be encouraged to take part in this. Children can sign up free of charge from 17th July.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy healthy summer break and to send my very best wishes to our Yr6 leavers as they move off to their respective High Schools. Also a fond farewell to our long serving staff and Governor colleagues who are leaving us at the end of the school year. I am immensely proud of our school community and all that we have achieved together.

I will be in touch over the holidays to finalise arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term and very much look forward to welcoming children back alongside our new reception children to school on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Kind regards,

Mrs C A Ashford
Head Teacher

New Academic Year 2021/22

Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	First Day of Term
Friday 22 nd October 2021	Non Pupil Day
Week Commencing Monday 25th October 2021 - Half Term	
Thursday 11 th November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 2 nd December	Yrs 2 & 3 Visit to Red Rose Theatre "Wind in the Willows" Production
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of Autumn Term
Saturday 18th December - Sunday 2nd January 2022 - Christmas Holidays	
Monday 3 rd & Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	First Day of Spring Term

