



Weekly newsletters will start again next week.

4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have made it to the end of the first week back! Thank you so much for all you have done to support the smooth transition back for the children and us. We cannot tell you how wonderful it is to have a busy school again! Having the children back is just so lovely. They have all eased back in really smoothly and have taken to the new measures really well. We are also looking forward to welcoming our 60 new Reception children and our Nursery children next week.

Attendance this week was 89% for Years 1 to 6 returning to school. We hope that this figure will continue to rise next week.

School is far from what it was before Covid, in terms of routines and systems but the children seem to be adapting really well and so quickly. The staff have been amazing as always getting used to it all too. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and flexibility during what has been a very tiring, busy few days. Everyone is just so happy to be back and we are loving being altogether again and seeing all of you and the children again after what has been such a long time.

## **Information/Reminders**

- Next week PE starts so your teachers will be sharing which days lessons will be through Marvellous Me. If you have any problems accessing Marvellous Me, please inform the school office as we will be communicating a lot using this app. Children will come to school in PE kits and will wear their kit all day so that no changing is required. Please ensure they have the appropriate school PE uniform on, including plain navy or black jogging bottoms if it is cold.
- Please ALWAYS send your child with a waterproof coat to school. The weather is so unpredictable at the moment and they will be going out still in light rain as fresh air is so important, especially at the moment.
- Over the next couple of weeks, our focus is to assess the children while they are having fun and taking part in topic based projects in school so that we can establish where they are at in their learning so that we can plan precisely for each child to meet their individual learning needs.
- Welcome meetings with your new class teachers will take place remotely the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September. Days and times to be shared with parents next week.

## **Relevant guidance and some extracts from the guidance for your information**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>

'Because face coverings are mainly intended to protect others, not the wearer, from coronavirus (COVID-19) they are not a replacement for social distancing and regular hand washing. It is important to follow all the other government advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) including [staying safe outside your home](#). If you have recent onset of any of the most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19):

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia)

you and your household must isolate at home: wearing a face covering does not change this. You should [arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19](#).'

'In primary schools where social distancing is not possible in indoor areas outside of classrooms between members of staff or visitors (for example, in staffrooms), head teachers will have the discretion to decide whether to ask staff or visitors to wear, or agree to them wearing face coverings in these circumstances. But children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#main-changes-since-this-guidance-was-last-updated>

'If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).'

'if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.'

If someone tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

**I hope you all have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.**



**Mrs Chambers**