



15th July 2020

Parents' update

Dear Parents Carers

Despite all the necessary restrictions and regulations we must follow, we are really looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils in September and doing all we can to ensure that they are safe and return to their learning as quickly as possible. This update provides more information for parents and carers about how the school will have to operate in September.

Catering

As outlined in the previous update, we will be having two sittings for lunch each day, as we currently do on Tuesday. However, to maintain the year group 'bubbles' and to ensure pupils can access their lunch in time, we will be operating a pre-ordered grab bag system, no hot plated meals will be available but a limited sandwich range or panini with a drink. We will not be able to have pupils putting cash into the machines in school and therefore parents are asked to charge their child's lunch card remotely using the Parent Pay system.

As a result of these restrictions, we would strongly encourage parents to provide a packed lunch to ease the pressure on the kitchens and to allow your child more time to eat.

There will not be any food provided at the start of the day or at break. Again, I would ask parents to provide a healthy snack and drink for their child. Current guidance means water stations around the school are not in use.

Transport

Following the guidance published from public health and the government (see below), we strongly encourage pupils to walk or cycle to school wherever possible. School transport will be running as normal but pupils will be required to sit in year group clusters. They are also required to wear a face covering. We have been informed that no cash can be used on the school buses and all pupils will require a pass. School transport is coordinated by the local authority, not the school, and any enquires regarding this will need to be directed to the local authority. Please see the letter from the local authority published on our website for more information.

Face covering

The latest advice from government is that face coverings are not required in school because pupils are only coming to contact with the same group of people. Face coverings should be appropriate for school in terms of their decoration. After travelling on school or public transport, pupils will also have to take off their face covering and place it in a sealed plastic bag to be reused for the return journey or replaced with a new covering.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators>

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