

Wednesday 25th February 2021

Full School Re-Opening Update and Information...



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so looking forward to seeing you and your children on Monday the 8th. As I am sure you are aware, school attendance from this date is statutory. This may come as a relief or it may be a cause for concern. I have tried to answer some of the questions you may have below and will be contactable at school to answer and questions, so please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office if you would like to speak with me.

How are we keeping everyone safe?

In school:

A visit from the NHS Infection Control and Advisory Service stated the following about Reedings...



“Very well planned out classrooms which were all very COVID-19 secured. The protocols here are brilliant and they seem to have thought of everything in making the appropriate changes that are required through the outbreak(s). This school was immaculate.”

“Excellent primary school, very clean with motivated and friendly staff who are putting the safety of everyone in the school as a priority.”

Having had the quality assurance NHS Infection Control, we plan to continue as we did in the Autumn term with increased hand-washing and cleaning arrangements and children remaining in their year group bubbles throughout the day. Where equipment is shared across bubbles, it is cleaned and wherever possible, bubbles stick to using their own resources and children have individual stationary packs. When staff work across bubbles, supporting groups, a distance of 1m+ is maintained at all times.

The area that has been a challenge for us has always been the gate at the end of the day. Although the advisory service and Public Health England have stated that the use of face masks is an acceptable measure to mitigate the risk of contraction of the virus at these gates, I know it will remain a concern for many of us. I have therefore decided to trial making use of our additional gate opposite the school office. This will mean parents will need to enter through the main gate and then exit through the pedestrian gate next to the car park. My concern about doing this has been children walking through an area with access to the car park and manoeuvring cars. There will be cones in place to block off any unfenced areas with access to the carpark and staff have been asked not to use the carpark between 3:05 and 3:25pm. There may still be occasions where vehicles are manoeuvring in the carpark, so please do make sure you keep your children by your side at all times whilst on the school site.

Clubs:

As part of children's wider education and for their well-being, we are going to be starting Mr Williams', Mr Stows' and Mrs Ings' clubs from the second week back, with a hope that many more clubs will follow. These will be run outside and in year group bubbles as before. Mr Williams, Mr Stow and Mrs Ings will be sending more information soon.

Uniform:

I am sure many of your children will have grown since they were last at school, so please do not worry about school shoes for the remainder of this school year. It is so important children are able to play outside in all weathers making use of our beautiful field and grounds, so outdoor shoes/trainers or wellies will be allowed until the end of the Summer term. On wetter days, your child will need a change of shoes if it is your child's turn on the school field.

Children may bring their School bag with their books, planners, water bottle and packed lunch if required—please can children be asked to leave all other belongings at home. They will also need their PE Kits.

Drop off and pick up:

Drop off times will remain the same as before with the gates being open between 8:30am and 8:50am.

Could I please ask that anyone earlier than 8:30am must queue along the left hand side of the gates, socially distanced.

Pick up times will remain the same, the only difference being that you will need to exit via the pedestrian gate next to the car park.

(Year 3 pick up from—3:05pm; Year 4 pick up from—3:10pm; Year 5 and 6 pick up from—3:15pm. All children must be collected by 3:25pm.)

What can my child expect on Monday 8th?

On Monday children will walk to their classrooms as usual and will not be starting their learning until after their morning playtime. Children will have time to see their friends and take part in a PSHE session aimed at supporting their transition back into school and will take part in some well-being focussed activities. They will have an assembly with myself to issue some exciting new books and our resident chickens!

What next?

To make sure our children at home are feeling safe and happy about coming back into school, instead of my usual Wednesday assembly I will be arranging to optional 'Google Meet' with each class on Thursday 4th of March at the following times. This will be a chance for children to ask any questions and share how they feel about coming back into school.

If your child is unable to attend school because they need to isolate or shield at any point in the future, there will be remote learning options available. I am working with Mrs Brooker from Fawbert and Barnard's to update our remote learning document, so please do look out for this.

Have a fantastic week next week and I will see you all very soon!

Mrs Rebecca Newton (Head teacher)

Class	Time
3K	9am
3PW	9:30am
4W	10am
4K	10:30am
5AN	11am
5W	11:30am
6D	12noon
6HC	12:30pm