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Newsletter – September 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful break and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school on Monday.

The staff have already returned to school, and have been busy preparing the classrooms, planning units of work and doing essential training such as Safeguarding, Health and Safety and First Aid.

It was a particularly exciting summer for Miss Hutchinson, who is now Mrs Garrett! I'm sure that you will agree that she looked absolutely beautiful and we would all like to congratulate her and her husband, and wish them lots of happiness for their future together.



Covid 19 Precautions

I'm sure that you are aware that the Government have shared their guidance on how schools can now operate more "normally", so that children can experience as much face-to-face teaching as possible and enjoy all aspects of the curriculum.

Whilst this is great news, we know that many parents, staff and pupils will still have anxieties about the spread of the virus, and will be aware that cases are still on the rise and some people are still becoming seriously ill from it. With this in mind, we are being cautious about going back to the whole school mixing at this point and are keeping some precautions in place.

Our main safety precautions are:

- Regular hand-washing for 20 seconds
- Strict hygiene measure to clean surfaces and touch-points throughout the day
- Visitors coming into the building wear masks and staff will wear masks when interacting with visitors (including parents inside)
- Children will only mix with one other class for breaktimes, lunchtimes and collective worship. (YR remain separate for the time being, Year 1 and 2 together, Year 3 and 4 together, Year 5 and 6 together)
- No whole school gatherings for the time being
- The one-way route around the school site will still be in operation to avoid congestion at pinch-points such as the gate areas and narrower pathways
- Staggered arrival and drop off times to avoid large groups of people gathering outside the classrooms (see table below for timings) please stick to the times as closely as possible
- Staff will be carrying out lateral flow test twice a week

The MOST important precaution is that children DO NOT attend school if they have are unwell. Please call us if you unsure about whether or not to send your child in.

Anyone who has symptoms of Covid 19 (a new, persistent cough, a loss of taste or smell, or a high temperature) or anyone who has a positive Lateral Flow test, should go for a PCR test and, if this is positive, then they should isolate. They should also isolate while they wait for the result.

Close contacts **DO NOT** need to isolate if they are under 18 ½ or if they have been fully vaccinated.

This may mean that siblings or children of someone who has tested positive may still be in school. This

is obviously a change from previous guidance and, to be completely honest, is quite a worrying prospect for staff and I'm sure for you. If this is the case, we would ask that as a family you are cautious to look out for symptoms in family members and to use lateral flow or PCR tests for family members as advised. This will help to protect the whole school community and to keep classes open fully.

Please see this link for more information

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=18%20August%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

And this link for information on asymptomatic testing

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Masks are now optional on the school site – but please do wear them if you need to come into the building.

We will be monitoring the situation very closely, and arrangements may change in response to changes to local and national cases and guidance.

Arrival and pick up times:

Surname begins with	Drop off at	Pick up at
A, B, C, D, E, F	8.35 am	3.00 pm
G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N	8.40 am	3.05 pm
O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	8.45 am	3.10 pm

Uniform

It is always so lovely to see the children on the first day of term, looking so proud and smart in their new uniform.

The correct uniform for the first part of the Autumn term is:

- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- Grey trousers, shorts, culottes or dress
- Green checked dress or culottes (up until October half term)
- A school tie in Years 3 -6 (after October half term)
- Black shoes (trainer styles are allowed as long as they are **completely black**)
- Grey, black, green or white tights or socks

Children will continue to be allowed to wear their PE kit on PE days, but please remember that this consists of:

- Green shorts
- Plain white T-shirt
- Plain green or black jogging bottoms (in colder weather)
- School jumper or cardigan
- Plimsolls or trainers

Please note that only GREEN jumpers / cardigans / sweatshirts should be worn on PE days from September.

If your child does a lunchtime football club, they may wear their PE kit on this day, or they can bring a football kit to change into, but they **cannot** wear the football kit all day.

Thank you for your support in this.

Medication

Please remember to send in any medication such as asthma inhalers, auto-injectors etc that your child will need in school. Please check that they are in date and that they are in a labelled box (it should be in the original packaging). These should come to the **school office** (not the classroom) so that our records can be updated.

Health Care Plans

If your child has any medical condition or need that we should be aware of, or that your child may need support with whilst they are in school, you should have indicated this on the medical questionnaire form that you returned to us. This will have prompted Mrs Gill to send home a Health Care Plan for you to complete and return to us. Please return this as soon as possible, and if anything has changed over the holidays or if you have not received a form then please contact the school office.

Classes

A reminder of the arrangements for the classes

Class	Teachers	Learning Support Assistants/Special Needs Assistants	Lunchtime Supervisors
Cook (Year R)	Mrs Garrett	Mrs Wheeler	Mrs Haggas, Mrs Rudge
Earle (Year 1)	Miss Portch (Mon, Tues and Weds am), Miss Singer (Weds pm, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Levitt	Mrs Levitt Mrs Fleming
Armstrong (Year 2)	Mrs Lees	Mrs Buck	Mrs Buck
Drake (Year 3)	Mrs Saunders (Mon and Tues) Mrs Rees (Weds, Thurs, Fri)	Mrs Clancy, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Mellor	Mrs Clancy Mrs Mellor
Carter (Year 4)	Mrs Fox	Mrs Ledlie, Mrs Holes	Mrs Holes Mrs Todd
Columbus (Year 5)	Miss Lucas	Mrs Martin, Mrs Garden	Mrs Martin Mrs Garden
Earhart (Year 6)	Mrs Russell (3 days) Mrs O'Connor (2 days)	Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Benson	Mrs Benson Mrs Coles

Mrs Hickey is going to be working across the school as our Pupil Premium Champion – supporting children who may need additional support to access the curriculum, and working to improve punctuality, attendance and engagement of pupils.

Mrs Ledlie will also support children in her role as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and Mrs Morrison will continue in her role as School Counsellor.

Lewis, our Sports Coach, will continue to work with a range of classes every Thursday.

Online Payments

We are trying to go cashless and prefer online payments in almost all circumstances so please make sure you are set up for this and speak to the office if not. Those children who are moving into Year 3 this year, who are not entitled to Free School Meals, will now need to pay for school dinners, so please ensure these are paid for in advance either daily, weekly half termly, and please use the online system for this if possible.

You can see the menu here. We will be on Week 3 when we come back.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/menu-primary>

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georgina Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Georgina Edwards
Headteacher