

11th September 2020

WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome all our families back to school following the nationwide school closures that took place back in March this year due to the coronavirus outbreak. As you will have seen on the news, all schools have had to adapt their protocols and routines to ensure that the setting is as safe as possible for everyone on the site. We have implemented staggered school opening times for pupils, as well as staggered breaks and lunchtimes throughout the day. There is increased handwashing / hand sterilisation for the pupils and staff throughout the day to boost sanitisation and limit the spread of any bacteria and viruses. We thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We would like to request that verbal conversations between parents and staff adhere to the social distancing measures of keeping 2 metres apart when talking. This is to protect both parties. You will already be used to this when visiting other venues and we would like to make sure that we adopt the same protocol in school. We would also like to thank all those parents who have lined up using the social distancing rules outside the school gates.

SCHOOL TIMINGS

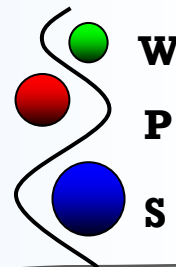
Please note the staggered timings for the different year groups:

Start time:	8:30am	Year 6	Year 2		
	8.40am		Year 5	Year 1	
	8.50am		Year 4	Year 3	Reception

Please ensure your child is in school by 9.00am as gates will be closed at this time.

Finish time:	3.00pm	Reception	
	3.30pm	Years 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	

Nursery times	AM 8.30—11.30am	PM 12.30—3.30pm
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CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS AND PROCEDURES IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Covid –19 symptoms

The most common symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- Fever (high temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher)
- Loss of smell or taste.

If your child has any of these symptoms, the government guidance states that you must keep your child at home and arrange for them to have a coronavirus test. You must also keep any other siblings at home as well until the result of the coronavirus test comes through. If the test is negative, then the children can return to school. If the test is positive, then the affected child must stay at home for 10 days from the day symptoms started. The rest of the household including other siblings will also have to self-isolate for 14 days. If any other member of the household develops symptoms, then they should also get tested. Again if the test is positive, then that household member must self-isolate for 10 days from the day symptoms started.

If a child develops symptoms in school, they will be escorted to a separate room and parents called. Any other siblings in school (even those who may not have symptoms) will also be sent home. Again parents will need to arrange a coronavirus test for the affected child. If the test comes back positive, please notify the school as soon as possible. In this instance, the year group bubble that the affected child was being taught in will also have to self-isolate for 14 days. This includes all pupils and staff.

To book a test online, please use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Use of face coverings

At the moment, the use of face coverings on the school site is only compulsory for Nursery parents. Currently there is a rise in the number of coronavirus cases in the Birmingham area. If there is a significant increase in the next few days, we may ask all parents/carers entering the school site to start wearing face coverings. This will also apply to staff in school.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the senior leadership team in school.