



Headteacher: Mrs V Giliker

20th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Update - September 2020 Arrangements

I hope you and your families are well. As we come to the end of an academic year like no other, I would like to say a huge thank you for your support during this time. Since June, we have gradually increased the number of children in school and I am pleased to say that almost everyone who has wanted to come back to school has been able to. Your children have been amazing! They have adapted to the new routines very quickly and we've made sure they have had a happy time in school.

I would also like to thank those of you who have been working for the NHS and in our care homes, as well as all the other key workers. I know that many of you have experienced challenging times in your work - we appreciate everything you have been doing during this time.

Some of our children have not been in school since 20th March and we haven't forgotten you! If you have any worries or questions about the return to school, please let us know and we will do everything we can to reassure you ahead of the new school year.

The Government has said that all children are expected to be back in school in September and we have been planning this carefully to make sure we follow the latest safety measures. Below are the arrangements for September.

'Bubbles'

From September, children will be organised in groups, or 'bubbles' with minimal interaction across groups. As far as possible, the bubbles will be kept apart on the school site (they will be taught in separate areas of the school; play in separate areas of the grounds and use separate facilities or at separated times). In order to achieve this separation and to ensure we can still function as a school, we have opted for 5 bubbles, organised as follows:

Nursery; Tiger and Parrot classes (Rec/Y1); Giraffes (Rec/Y1) and Year 2; Year 3 and Year 4; Year 5 and Year 6.

We will promote and encourage social distancing within these groups and have measures in place to minimised interaction between these groups.

Social distancing within bubbles

The Department for Education (DfE) recognises that strict social distancing will not always be possible, especially with primary-aged pupils. The guidance specifically states, 'we recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.' We will promote and encourage social distancing amongst children



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and classrooms will be reorganised to allow maximum space between pupils. Where applicable, desks will face forwards and children will sit side by side. The DfE has accepted that pupils will need to be seated close to each other in most classrooms. The DfE has stated that pupils passing each other briefly in a corridor or playground (e.g. walking past each other) is relatively 'low risk', but we will have measures in place to avoid large groups of pupils mixing together in these spaces at the same time.

Other important measures

The DfE has said that staff can move between bubbles to carry out specialist teaching. In our setting, this will enable the Sports Coach, speech therapists, special educational needs teachers, peripatetic music teachers and visiting staff to work in school whilst social distancing as much as possible.

Safety Measures

We will have the following safety procedures in place:

- Strict hand-washing routines and hygiene measures. We have purchased 4 additional portable sink units to allow more children to wash their hands frequently.
- We will continue to clean surfaces, touch points and resources more frequently and our cleaning routines and systems will comply with the government requirements.
- First aid will be administered by qualified staff within the allocated groups as required.
- The latest guidance states that facemasks are not routinely to be worn in schools. If a child comes to school wearing a mask, it should be removed and disposed of in a covered bin or if the face coverings are reusable they should be placed in a sealed plastic bag to be taken home. After removing the face covering, children must wash their hands immediately.

The School Day

- As soon as children come into school they will need to wash their hands.
- Children will continue to wash their hands often throughout the day, including before and after breaks and meals.
- There will be no whole-school assemblies for the time being. We have recently been having 'Zoom' assemblies and will continue with these into the autumn term.
- Break and lunchtimes will be slightly staggered to enable distancing between groups. Bubbles will either use separate outdoor areas or go out at different times.
- Outdoor playground equipment will be cleaned frequently and wherever possible, groups will have their own outdoor resources.
- The amount of equipment children bring into school each day will be limited to essentials, such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books and stationery.
- Book bags are allowed but will go home on a Monday, stay at home for the week and will be sent back on a Friday so books can be changed.
- Pupils can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing will be avoided.
- Early in the autumn term, children will be assessed to check any gaps in learning. We will work hard to ensure that those gaps are filled that need it in the terms ahead.



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- Physical Education sessions with Coach Danny will resume in September with priority given to outdoor sports. Equipment will be cleaned between groups.

Drop off and Collection Arrangements

- We will have 2 drop off and collection times to reduce the numbers of people on site and help with social distancing (see table below for your child's drop off and collection times).
- There will also be different drop off points to minimise congestion near the school gates (see table).

Class	Start time	Drop Off/Collect	End of day
R/Y1 Tigers Miss Murray	8.45am	Gate by disable parking space, near Rec playground	3.15pm
R/Y1 Parrots Miss Wallace	9.00am	Gate by disable parking space, near Rec playground	3.30pm
R/Y1 Giraffes Miss Marsh	8.45am	Little gate near the main entrance	3.15pm
Y2 Monkeys Miss Gough	9.00am	Little gate near the main entrance	3.30pm
Y2 Leopards Miss Samadram	8.45am	Main gate on infant playground	3.15pm
Y3 Mulberry Mrs McNamara/Ms Bourne	9.00am	Mulberry classroom fire door	3.30pm
Y3 Rowan Ms Carver	8.45am	Rowan class fire door	3.15pm
Y4 Willow Mr Kilgallon	9.00am	Main gate on infant playground	3.30pm
Y4 Ash Ms Williamson	8.45am	Main gate on infant playground	3.15pm
Y5 Elm Miss Wetton	9.00am	Main gate on infant playground	3.30pm
Y5 Birch Mr White	8.45am	Main gate on infant playground	3.15pm
Y6 Oak Mrs Nuttall	9.00am	Main gate on infant playground	3.30pm
Y6 Maple Mrs Rushworth	8.45am	Main gate on infant playground	3.15pm

- These arrangements have been put in place to enable safety measures (such as social distancing and time for handwashing) and allow parents to get to work on time. We will review the situation over the first few weeks and if necessary, put in further measures.
- Parents/carers are not allowed in the school building unless in an emergency. If you need to contact school, please either speak to the member of staff meeting the children or email/phone the school office.



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- Wherever possible, children are to be brought to school by one adult only.
- We would ask that Infant and Year 3 children are accompanied to school by an adult, as their entrances are near the car park. Please take extra care when entering the car park.
- If children are riding bikes or scooters to school, please ensure they get off and push once on the school premises.
- Please ensure you socially distance on your journey to and from school and do not congregate in groups on the way to school or outside the gates.
- Please walk to school wherever possible, rather than bringing cars. This will help reduce traffic on site and make it safer.

Lunch Time

- School meals will continue to be provided by the kitchen as usual, or children can bring their own packed lunch.
- Nursery children will eat their lunch in the 2 year old side of Nursery.
- Junior children will eat their lunch in their classrooms (tables will be cleaned before and after eating).
- Infant children will eat their lunch in 2 separate sittings in the hall (tables cleaned between bubbles).
- Midday supervisors and Teaching Assistants will be allocated to each bubble and will supervise eating and playing outdoors.
- All school meals must be paid using School Money. Please do not send cash into school.
- If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please use the link below to check eligibility: [Application form for meals from DCC](#)

Uniform and Equipment

- Please send children to school in their school uniform from September, they will also need to have a PE kit in school to change in to.
- We advise that younger children wear trousers/skirts with elasticated waists and shoes with Velcro rather than laces as these are easier to change independently.
- Children will be provided with stationery (or may bring their own basic supply) but will be encouraged to leave these in school for their own use only.
- Children will not be able to share drinking cups, please send your child with a freshly filled, named water bottle every day.
- Children in the Juniors may bring in two healthy snacks (fruit/cereal bars) for morning and afternoon break.
- Infants will need one healthy snack as fruit is provided by the Government for morning break.

Before and After School

- Playdays Breakfast and After School Club will be resuming in September (from 7:30am). Children attending Playdays will need to be dropped off and collected from the main school entrance.
- Please complete the Playdays booking request by clicking the link:



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- Playdays will be following Government advice and will have their own risk assessments.
- We are planning to provide after school sports and dance clubs through Chris Hill Community Sports. These will be for children within each bubble and will be delivered according to appropriate risk assessments. Details to follow in September.

Contingency Planning

The latest guidance advises schools to have contingency plans in place for remote learning. In the event of partial or full closure, we will revert to remote learning as we did at the start of the lockdown in March. We will post work on the website, Google classroom, Tapestry and Purple Mash and communicate with you via email, Tapestry and Class Dojo. We will send out more information about remote learning if/when needed.

Support for Families and Early Help

The following page provides links to health and wellbeing support from Derbyshire County Council: [Staying safe during the Covid-19 pandemic](#)

If your family are currently open to Social Care or Early Help, you will already have contact details for Social Workers or Family Support Workers over the summer break. For any new cases, or if you are concerned that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm, please contact Starting Point: 01629 533190

Other Information

- The usual rules on attendance will apply from September – school is mandatory again from the autumn term.
- Government advice states that educational visits may resume in the autumn term and we will carry out risk assessments for each visit and with any providers/venues.

Family Survey

In order to help us to plan for the term ahead, we have created a short survey for you to complete in discussion with your child. Your help and feedback is very much appreciated. Please complete before we return to school in September. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/LyyctZ87bsy476Dx6>

Finally

Thank you for your continued support during this time. The arrangements contained in this letter follow the latest Government advice – if anything significant changes over the summer, I will be in touch via email. I hope you and your families have a happy summer break and we look forward to seeing all the children once again in September.

Yours sincerely

V Giliker, Headteacher



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Important advice:

The following link is from the Department for Education:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)

- **The guidance from the Government states that no one with any symptoms should attend school. Children should also stay at home if they are self-isolating or clinically vulnerable. If they share a house with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable, they should only attend school if stringent social distancing rules can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow these instructions.**
- Anyone who begins to display coronavirus symptoms while at school will be sent home immediately. If a child is waiting to be collected, they will be separated from their bubble and isolated with one member of staff. Once the child or member of staff has left school, we will follow DfE cleaning guidance to ensure any areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.
- If the child or staff member subsequently tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation. If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their pod within their setting will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.



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