

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all have had a good week and are keeping safe. Only 1 week to go until we are all back in school together. It has been really great to hear so many positive messages that the children are so excited about being back in school with their teachers and friends. I can assure you that all the staff are equally as excited as you to be able to teach face to face again.

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe.



Tina Lagdon
Head Teacher

Arrangements for whole school reopening

Following all the guidance that has been issued all risk assessments have been updated and I can now confirm the following arrangements for full school reopening. Attendance is mandatory and all children are expected to return to school unless they are ill. Please continue to inform school of any illness through study bugs.

I am pleased that the vast majority of guidance has not changed since reopening in September so both parents and children are used to the procedures in place to keep everyone safe.

As per my school comms earlier in the week drop off and pick up times remain unchanged. Siblings can be dropped off and picked up together as before.

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Mrs Watsons	8.40 am	2.40 pm
Mrs Griffiths	8.45 am	2.45 pm
Mrs Tilbury	8.50 am	2.50 pm
Mrs Lehec/Roache	8.55 am	2.55 pm
Reception	9.00 am	3.00 pm

It is really important that you drop off and pick up on time as we are not allowed to mix the bubbles of children together. It will be a drop and go as before using the front path up on one side and back down the other side. All parents/carers need to wear a face covering at all times and not to gather at the school gates. Thank you.

If your child attends Breakfast Club they can be dropped off at 8 am and they will be met at the gate by Mrs Shaw and Mrs Fenning. If your child is in After School Club they will be brought out to the front gate at 4.30 pm or 5.45 pm, dependent on whether you have booked them in for a short or long session.

Children will be in year group bubbles and so, as before, the playground will be zoned off into year group areas for both playtime and lunchtime. Year groups will eat their lunch in the hall on a rota system. Please make sure that your child brings in a water bottle with water in every day.

Unfortunately, schools are still not able to hold whole school assemblies or any large group events. Therefore, we will continue to have assemblies for each class in their own room.

Children will continue with very regular hand washing and hygiene will be of highest importance to ensure that everyone is kept safe. All rooms and areas of the school will continue to be well ventilated with windows and doors open. At least we are coming into the warmer weather which will help as through January and February it has been very cold at times.

Year groups will also be learning outside the classroom when it is appropriate to do so.

PE Days

Children can continue to come into school in their PE kit on their PE days

Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday	Thursday

Reception this term will continue with their daily physical tasks within their COOL time and curriculum and in addition to this, children will be completing a weekly PE session in the hall where children will take their socks and shoes off only for this session, so no PE kits are needed just yet!

The first three weeks back will be very much focussed around well-being and settling back into school routines. It will be about re-establishing class rules and expectations. There will be lots of time for speaking and listening, discussions and work around feelings and friendships. Teachers will also be assessing phonics and basic skills in reading, writing and number so that we can then start to give extra support for all those children that need it. As I am sure you are aware Government is giving all schools extra funding to support all children who need it.

Pupil Progress

Parents that know school routines will be aware that we usually have pupil progress meetings before the Easter holidays. Due to lockdown we are going to postpone this until later in the year.

World Book Day

This is on Thursday 4th March with the theme of bedtime stories. Children can dress up in pyjamas or any other night time clothes. We look forward to seeing them all dressed up whether they are in school or online. The vouchers will be given out to all the children on Monday 8th March once school reopens.

Dodgeball

Dodgeball will restart on Monday 8th March for all those Year 2 children that have been attending the club since September.

Year 1 Football

This will restart from Tuesday 9th March for all those children that attended before lockdown. A separate email will go out to the parents of those children, so please look out for this.

Extended Services

If you have not returned your completed forms yet please return them to the office as soon as possible so we can start planning. Thank you.

Fresh Start

All meals will be needed to be ordered through meal manager for the week beginning the 8th March by midnight on the 4th March. I am sure that you will receive an email from fresh start once the menus and system is ready for you to order your child's meals.

School Devices

Please can parents ensure that all school devices (including plugs and charging cables where relevant) are returned to school on Monday 8th March. Can you please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time for drop off.

Brackley Leisure Centre

If you are looking for something to keep the children entertained over the Easter Holidays, Brackley Leisure Centre have arranged some activities at Koala Klubs. Please see the attached flyer for more information.