



Welcome Back Everyone

Welcome back to our new normal. School reopens for children on Tuesday 8th September and we are looking forward to seeing you all. I hope that you have all made some wonderful memories with your families over the holiday period.

Our New Normal!

Please re-read the document related to the new protocols, because there are many changes. We have many systems in place to make our school COVID safe, and we all need to work together in order for us to provide the safest place possible for our children, staff and families, and so that we can educate our children fully and repair any lost learning from the period of lockdown.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Here are *some* key messages relating to new protocols and procedures that you need to be aware of:

- **Adults need to continue to socially distance** - please avoid gathering in and around the school site and leave promptly using the staff car park at drop offs and pick ups
- **When dropping off children, please arrive at your correct time slot (see reopening plans)**
- **Children need to arrive on time**—no children will be permitted to enter through the reception area unless it has been arranged and/or there are special circumstances.
- **All communications with parents and carers will be via telephone call or email.** Please do not come into the school building.
- **Children are not permitted to bring in items from home,** unless they are identified in the protocols document.
- **Breakfast club will resume on the week beginning 14th September—48 hours notice will need to be given** if you wish your child to attend.
- **PE kits**—Children in classes 3 & 4 will come to school dressed for PE on selected days. You will be notified of these days once we return to school.

Can I please request on behalf of the staff, that you remain patient whilst we establish our new routines and procedures.

Please do not hesitate to contact school via phone or email if you have concerns or feedback or questions. No question is a silly one, and if you are thinking it, no doubt other parents are too. If we are to find an effective way of working, we need to keep communication between home and school open.

Thank you for your continued support *Mrs Hill*

Face masks

No doubt over the last couple of weeks, you will have seen that the wearing of face masks has had a high profile in the media. Although the guidance has been directed towards secondary children in particular, we have developed very clear guidance regarding this issue, working closely with fellow Primary Headteachers and the central team at Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET).

On return to school, children **will not** be wearing face masks in school at all. Staff will only wear face masks in communal areas only eg the hall and corridors, or if they need to work in close proximity to the children eg to administer first aid. This decision will be reviewed if there is a local lockdown.

The [Chief Medical Officers from all four nations in the United Kingdom](#) have made it clear that the overall risks to children from coronavirus (COVID-19) in relation to education settings is low and that the risks associated with not being in school certainly outweigh those of being in school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Return date to school Tuesday 8th September