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Returning to school September 2020

Further Information for Parents

1st September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first day of school approaches, I am sure there are still many questions parents are asking and are seeking reassurance by receiving up to date information.

Behaviour Code

Attached below is an up to date version of our Code of Conduct for Pupils. As much as we are so looking forward to welcoming every pupil back into school, it really is worth spending the time talking to your child pointing out how school may have changed compared to their previous experience. Expectations and routines are different. Our role is to guide and educate pupils, not to be heavy handed, so discussing together your child's role in adhering to new procedures, hygiene rules and our expectations of behaviour will be beneficial to all parties.

Returning from holidays abroad

I do hope all of you have managed some period of relaxation over the summer period. However, for those of you who have ventured to foreign destinations, may I remind you of your responsibility to follow the necessary quarantine guidelines set out by the Government. Please use the link provided, if necessary, to locate the most up to date document regarding necessary precautions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk>

Please note the main symptoms of coronavirus are a high temperature, a new or continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Please remember isolation will be necessary if

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- you've tested positive for coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive
- you are told by NHS Test and Trace that you have been in contact with a person with coronavirus

PE Kits

On the days your child has PE they may attend school in their PE kit. Where necessary tracksuits and hoodies may be worn. But please be mindful of school colours, as well as what is safe and what is appropriate for physical activity. Once the timetable is finalised you will be notified as to which days your child will require to be clothed adequately for physical exercise. As classrooms are well ventilated please avoid just coming to school in a t- shirt, a school sweat shirt or cardigan may be needed. Coats and jackets may still be worn to school so that we can allow the children access to 'fresh air' should there be light rain.

Water bottles and snacks

Morningtime fresh fruit snacks can be brought into school, these must be in a sealed bag that is labelled and disposable (not in the child's lunch box). Please ensure that your child can open these independently as we will be unable to help.

Please provide your child with fresh water in a clearly labelled water bottle. We will NOT provide cups for children to drink from. Nor will we be able to fill them up during the day. Therefore, please ensure the bottle that your child brings to school is filled with enough water for the day.

Parents who still may be anxious

A government document has been produced to reassure parents about children returning to school: Returning to primary school: what parents need to know [gov.uk/back to school](https://www.gov.uk/back-to-school). Numerous risk assessments have been conducted and discussions with all staff to ensure our school is as safe as it can possibly be. If there still are further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Behaviour Agreement For Children

As we welcome you back to school, we are sharing three new behaviour values that will make it a safe and caring experience for us all.

Ready

Safe

Caring

Ready usually means on time, with the right equipment and ready to learn in every lesson.

When we come back **Ready** will also mean:

- Waiting calmly for the school gates to open staying 2m away from each other.
- Wearing school uniform and school shoes that can be easily wiped down each day.

- Only bringing your packed lunch (if not taking a Dolce meal), snack, full water bottle/s and medication. Leave everything else at home.
- Coming into school calmly through your designated door and washing hands before entering the class base

Being **Safe** would normally be walking around the school sensibly, communicating positively with others and playing positive games at playtime and lunchtimes.

When we come back, being **Safe** is our priority and will also mean:

- Keeping our distance from other people.
- Only using our own stationery and equipment.
- Staying in our seats during lessons.
- Using tissues for coughs and sneezes. Putting tissues in the bin as soon as you've used them.
- Following the designated routes around the school and following the rules about only one child in the toilet at a time.
- Making sure we wash our hands thoroughly for the recommended 20 seconds.
- Following the instructions of all staff during the day and especially at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Showing **Care** for each other is something you do really well and we display that with our body language and the words we use in conversation with each other.

When we come back, **Caring** is even more important because it shows we consider each other's feelings:

- Encouraging each other in our work with positive comments.
- Listening to each other if we want to share our ideas or how we feel.
- If we're worried about ourselves or our friends, sharing that with an adult.
- Being considerate towards each other's feelings.
- Understanding that different people may have had different experiences – happy and sad – over recent weeks and being sensitive to that.
- Listening to adults and being considerate about the feelings of the adults supporting us.
- Trying our best in every activity.
- Being kind to each other as we enter and leave the school site.

We want you all to be safe and happy in your return to school so please think about this Code carefully and consider how you can make sure that you show that you are 'Ready, Safe and Caring'.

Thank you!

I hope the information presented is helpful. A list of dates for the School Calendar will follow shortly.

Once again we all look forward to seeing and welcoming all of your children back to school.

Kind regards,

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