

Hello to everyone,

I know we haven't even ended this Summer term but, as you will be aware, everything changes again in September and we are well advanced working towards welcoming all children back into school as per the Government's guidance.

We, therefore, want to begin to share with you how this is going to work for your children and your family. This will not be the only communication as we will continue to give you information.

As all the year groups return we will continue, as we have successfully throughout the Lockdown, to have a staggered start to the day. You will be informed of an actual time slot that is appropriate to your family with all siblings in mind and also there is a clear route for everyone to keep the safety guidelines in place as the children enter school.

Children must wear casual sports/PE appropriate clothes that can withstand a 60 degree daily wash. There will not be a hot lunch option in the Autumn term but if you prefer to order from Dolce a sandwich lunch, that is available or, of course, you can send in a packed lunch from home. For those of you who haven't been able to return to school for whatever reason can you ensure your child has their own named water bottle. It is obviously imperative as we cannot use the fountain. All classrooms have drinking water so the bottle is easily replenished.

If your child is unwell they should not attend school and the Government advise is clear that they should have a test. Please inform the school immediately and keep siblings at home until you have the test result, which is now a very efficient and quick process with local test centres. Please be cautious with any symptoms your child may have. Here is a useful Government link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

All the staff are looking forward to the start of the Autumn term and beginning to deliver to all children a rich and broad curriculum and we want you to feel as confident. Should you have any particular anxieties about the start of next term following on from a very different end to the Summer term, please do contact us and Mrs. O'Malley is available on the school mobile 07568 663110, should you need a chat.

As we have said, this is just the first communication as we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kind regards

Sarah Leighton and Linda O'Malley