



Friday 31st July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Arrangements for September 2020

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well and enjoying the sunshine, while it lasts? Following on from the letters that you received previously from your child's new Class Teacher, I am writing to update you on Whitgreave's plans for September, in accordance with the current government guidelines. I understand that you or your child may be anxious about this return, however, we have lots of plans in place within school, in order to keep your child safe and to minimise risk. If you are feeling anxious, please contact us at school, so that we can try our best to support you and allay your fears and worries.

The Autumn Term starts on Tuesday 1st September, however, this will be a Training Day. **Children will return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. All Year Groups will be starting back to their full-time education on the 2nd September, with the exception of Early Years, as they have separate transition arrangements in place.** (Separate letters have been sent out to parents/carers of our Reception children, Nursery children and our Whitgreave's Little Wonders)

Upon returning to school, the children will be taught in Year Group Bubbles, moving forward. Each Year Group Bubble will not mix with any other Year Group. Break times and lunch times will be separate from the other Year Group Bubbles. School will provide beakers and drinks for all the children, so that they don't have to bring anything in from home. However, children can bring their own water bottles, if they prefer. Children can bring their own tuck into school, to eat during the morning break, however, school will also be selling tuck items from our Tuck Trolley, as usual.

The School Kitchens will be fully open and up and running, therefore, hot meals will be provided for all children who are entitled to Free School Meals. If your child would prefer a packed lunch from home, this can be brought into school in a lunchbox and bag. Children from Year 1 to Year 5 will have their lunches in their classroom, to avoid Year Groups from mixing in the School Hall. Reception will utilise the Early Years Hall and Year 6 will utilise the Key Stage 1 and 2 Hall.

Everyone will wash their hands several times a day. This includes on entering the school, exiting the school and also, before and after break and lunch times.

School resources will be provided for individual children, all in small bags and labelled clearly, so that the children don't have to share pencils, crayons etc. All resources that cannot be cleaned and wiped will be removed from the classrooms. There will be an enhanced cleaning schedule in place within school every day. Children can now be issued with Reading Books to go home and also homework. Children can bring a school bag into school with them and also, their PE kit.



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The classroom layouts will be altered to maximise space between the children. We will keep all classrooms ventilated and use outdoor space for exercise and breaks.

Access to the school site will be limited, therefore, we ask that parents/carers of children in Year 2 to Year 6 to leave their child at the school gate. There will be no access to the school office during this time.

Parents/carers are asked to telephone or email the school office if they have any concerns or any questions, or speak to a staff member on duty, at the start and end of the day.

The government guidance states that it is not necessary for staff to wear masks, gloves or aprons unless they are carrying out activities that would usually require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) or if a child becomes unwell with symptoms of Coronavirus while in school and is being supervised until they can be collected by their parent/carer. Children are not permitted to wear PPE, including masks and gloves.

If your child becomes unwell with symptoms of the virus then they must stay at home for 10 days and self-isolate. You should seek a Coronavirus Test. These are available via telephoning 111. The rest of the household must also self-isolate for 14 days. School must be informed of the outcome of the test.

In order to minimise mixing and large groups of children and adults, each Year Group will have staggered start and finish times, with different entry and exit points, in line with government guidance. There will be staff outside, on duty, directing children to their new classrooms. At the end of each day, children within Years 2 to 6 will be dismissed from their exit point by the Class Teacher, directly to parents/carers, unless they are allowed to walk home alone. Year 1 parents/carers will collect their child from the classroom door.

I understand that this creates some issues for parents/carers with children in different Year Groups and school will try to accommodate this, however, safety is our paramount responsibility, therefore, these measures must be put in place, in order to minimise risk.

Please see the information detailed below:

(Please remember that children within Year 1 will spend their first 3 days, Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September in their old classrooms in Reception, in the Early Years building, as detailed in the previous letter)

Class	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry & Exit Point	Parents/Carers
Y1 - Lime 1	8.30 am	3 pm	From Monday 7th September - Gate on the playground, nearest to the School Building	Parents/Carers can line up by the markers and take and collect their child straight to and from the classroom door
Y1 - Lime 2	8.30 am	3 pm	From Monday 7th September - Gate on the playground, nearest to Goodyear Avenue	Parents/Carers can line up by the markers and take and collect their child straight to and from the classroom door



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Y2 - Lilac 1	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to the School Building	Children to be left at the school gate
Y2 - Lilac 2	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to Goodyear Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y3 - Yellow 1	8.30 am	3 pm	Gate on Wingfoot Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y3 - Yellow 2	8.30 am	3 pm	Gate on Wingfoot Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y4 - Green 1	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on Wingfoot Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y4 - Green 2	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on Wingfoot Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y5 - Red 1	8.30 am	3 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to Goodyear Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y5 - Red 2	8.30 am	3 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to the School Building	Children to be left at the school gate
Y6 - Purple 1	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to Goodyear Avenue	Children to be left at the school gate
Y6 - Purple 2	9 am	3.30 pm	Gate on the playground, nearest to the School Building	Children to be left at the school gate

Once again, many thanks for your continued support at this challenging time. If you have any questions, please contact the school office and we will do our best to answer your queries and reassure you. See you soon!

Many thanks.

Mrs Redfern - Head Teacher