

FAQ

What date does school start in September?

School is due to resume on Wednesday 9th September 2020. If your child has a part time place, their first day will be either on or after this date depending on the sessions you have selected.

How will Covid-19 impact on my child's education?

This is a particularly tricky question to answer, as it depends on whether the virus is still active, and to what extent. Currently the school is open to a limited number of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 - plus the children of Key Workers in other year groups. The decision as to when school opens to all children will be informed by government advice. Pupils that are in school are currently taught in year group pods, with a maximum of 9 children, 7 in the Nursery. Social distancing and additional hygiene measures are in place. For further up to date information on how Covid-19 is impacting arrangements in school please contact us by phone or email. We will of course notify you of any important information as soon as it is available.

Where do I drop off / pick up my child?

Children and parents should enter the school grounds on foot either via the main pedestrian gate, or the top gate which is located behind the school next to the Key Stage 2 playground. Classroom doors will be opened at 08.45 am and children should not be left unaccompanied on site until this time.

Foundation Stage children (Nursery and Reception) should then enter the Foundation Stage playground via the wooden gate which is located next to the Reception entrance. There is also a rear entrance to this playground from the back of the school (via the wooden gate located next to the Key Stage 1 playground). This second option is useful if you are accessing the site from the top gate.

Once in the Foundation Stage playground you will see that there are two entrances. Your child will have been allocated one of these to use, and in the first days / weeks of term their name will appear on list on the door they are to use. This is where all pick-ups and drop-offs will take place.

What time do I need to drop off / pick up my child?

If your child is in Reception, then the doors will be open from 08.45 am. They should be in school for 08.55 am promptly each day. Lunchtime is 12.00 noon until 1.00 pm. Afternoon school finishes at 3.00 pm.

If your child is in Nursery and they are attending a morning session, then they should arrive at 9.00 am. The morning session finishes at 12.00 noon. Afternoon sessions start at 12.00 noon and finish at 3.00 pm

What if I need to send someone else to collect my child?

Your induction pack should have contained a Collection Procedures and Consent document. On here you are able to name up to 4 adults (in addition to 2 main parents / carers) to collect your child. If you wish to send someone who is not on the list then you will need to contact the school office with their details on the day in question. Any unfamiliar adults will be asked to provide ID.

What do they need to bring with them?

- Your child should bring a school book bag with them every day.
- They will need a lunch box and drink if they are staying for a packed lunch.

- All children may bring a named water bottle, although water and milk is available in school. Juice should not be brought to school.
- Each child needs a pair of named sand shoes which should be left in school overnight.
- PE kit should be brought to school at the start of each week and left in school until Friday.
- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather as they have access to the outdoor area for much of the time that they are in school – they may need to bring warm clothing such as hats and gloves, sturdy shoes or wellies for wet weather and sun hats in the summer.

What will my child have for lunch if they stay hot dinners?

Menu choices for the day will be shared with you and your child each morning if they are staying for a hot dinner. You will have the choice of a main hot meal, a vegetarian option, a jacket potato with various fillings and a sandwich selection each day.

How do I arrange a place in breakfast club or afterschool club?

Please contact the school office on 791169 in order to arrange a place. Basic information about breakfast club and afterschool club can be found in the school prospectus.

My child is in the school nursery and I would like to make a change to their sessions. How do I go about this?

Please contact the school office to advise them of the change you would like to make. Wherever possible we will try to accommodate your requests, however this will be dependent on the number of remaining places for each session. Please provide as much notice as possible of any changes you are hoping to make. Once session selections are made we need parents to commit to their choice – it is not possible to make changes on a regular basis.

What help is there for getting dressed (e.g. either for PE or outdoors) and going to the toilet?

Developing self-help skills and independence when dressing and visiting the toilet is an important part of a child's early development. You can help prepare them for the increased responsibility of dressing and undressing and toileting in school by encouraging them to do this themselves whenever possible; including focusing on tricky items such as zips, buttons, socks, tights and laces and also wiping and handwashing. We encourage all children to attempt to help themselves in school, but will of course be on hand to help them where assistance is required.

Will there be drinks / snacks available throughout the day?

All children in Foundation Stage have access to a fresh fruit or vegetable snack every day. Water is always available. Milk is also an option on most days.

What type of food can I send in my child's packed lunch?

Please ensure that all the items in your child's packed lunch are healthy – with a limit of one biscuit / bar, no sweets and at least one fruit or vegetable item. Drinks should be either water or milk. **Please ensure that your child does not bring any nut-based products to school – there are children in school with serious nut allergies.**

My child has an illness or allergy. How do I make sure that School are aware of this?

The Food Tasting Consent Form (contained in the welcome pack) and the School Application Form both have spaces for you to indicate any allergies or illnesses that we need to be aware of. You can

also record this information on the Starting School questionnaire on the school website. Otherwise, please contact the school office with any information you wish to share.