



SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new school year, we hope you have had a happy and safe holiday. A very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. We hope that they are all excited to be returning and settle into their new classes and make new friends quickly.

At the end of July we sent a letter telling you that as we were unsure what the situation would be like coming back in September, we would wait for further guidance from the Government and LA before we made any changes – in effect we thought we would have to maintain all the measures that were in place when we reopened in September. We resent this earlier this week as many parents were asking what the arrangements were.

In fact the situation is better than we thought and this week guidance from the Government and LA is that we should drop most of the measures we had in place, such as

- social distancing
- face coverings
- smaller bubbles during the school day
- staggered starts and finishes

Some measures will remain in place

- operating safely on a day-to-day basis through cleaning regimes, hand and respiratory hygiene and keeping spaces and classrooms well ventilated
- processes for outbreak management
- anyone under the age of 18 and 6 months, or anyone who has had both doses of the vaccine, does not have to isolate if they are identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for Covid-19.

The start of the day will be 8.45am and you can use any entrance you wish. Teachers will meet the children on the playground and take them to their classrooms

- EYFS parent can take their children into the classrooms to settle them during term 1
- Year 1 children line up outside their door on the terrace
- Year 2 and Year 3 children line up on the top playground
- Year 4 children line up on the service road (where the zebra crossing is inside the gate)
- Year 5 and 6 children line up on the bottom playground

Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with fruit at morning break or through the day. KS2 children should bring their own fruit snack.

Hot dinners are being offered

Breakfast clubs are fully operational and no booking is required. Normal entry fee is resumed, £2 for all children with an additional cost for the food they select. For children in receipt of Pupil Premium the entry fee is £1 and there is no additional cost for food. Children MUST pay on the day.

After school clubs are fully operational, places must be booked as normal and information about this is on the school website.

End of day is at 3.10pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3.15pm for KS2. Your children will be brought to the same place that you dropped them off in the morning by their class teacher and released to you. Only children in Y5 and 6 are permitted to walk home once permission forms have been completed and sent the school (please see school website).

PE uniform should still be worn on the day that your child has PE – your child will be told which days they do PE on Monday.

We appreciate you may have anxieties or worries about September and we will do our utmost to ensure your child has the best possible start to the next academic year. We can't wait to see you back next week.

Best wishes,

Kathryn Absalom
Executive Head Teacher

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