

EYFS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to say that we are looking forward to welcoming back all children to school in September.

Children who are in **Nursery and Reception** will come back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. The children can come into school with only **one parent/carer** and **doors will open at 8.45am**.

The children can be collected at **3.15pm** by only one parent/carer at the classroom exit. Parent/carers are requested to keep a distance from each other and follow the yellow footprints for a one-way system. Please do not congregate next to the school gates but wait at a safe distance to ensure a free flow through the entrances.

In order to keep all children, parents and staff **safe** on the school site we have introduced staggered start times and restricted the number of adults allowed on the site. By only allowing KS1 and EYFS parent/carers on the site this will half the usual number of adults and therefore reduces the risk of transmission of Covid-19 for everyone. **Please respect everyone's safety and keep to these restrictions.**

Children with SEND who have mobility difficulties can request a parking permit for the school car park from Mrs Brown via the school office, please email or telephone only. We encourage all parent/carers to **walk to school or walk from a designated car park** at the back of the Elm Tee Shops or from Sainsburys.

In order to open school to all children we have closely followed the 'Guidance for full opening-schools-GOV.UK'. The full information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

With this letter you will find:

- an information sheet for Families
- a school map
- a risk assessment
- summary of guidance
- Information on Summer holiday support

There is a significant amount of information but I would ask that you do take some time to read it.

As we return to school and resume the usual daily routines of school life then all the school rules and expectations will also apply regarding uniform (including reasonable hairstyles), behaviour and attendance.

We understand that some children will naturally be a little anxious but also excited to return and we will support them with extra PSHE and circle time activities.

When the children return to school we will have the first week of getting to know them and some baseline assessments that will happen as part of the general work of the class. These assessments will help the class teachers to plan the appropriate learning activities to continue the progress of our children.

Children who stay all day will be having their lunch in their classrooms and playtimes will be outside in a designated area. Initially the school kitchen will be providing the universal free school meals for children as a cold selection. This will be reviewed later in the term when we hope to return to hot meals.

We still need to limit the items brought into school in September, children will only be allowed to bring in their reading book and home-school contact book in their book bags. Packed lunches in lunchboxes and personal water bottles to be taken home every day. **PE kit in a drawstring PE bag** to be hung on their cloakroom peg with their coat, no rucksacks please as we do not have the space in school.

Access to the school office is restricted. We have a number of staff who are vulnerable and therefore we need to protect them whilst they carry out their work. Please telephone or email the school office with any enquiries you may have. If you need to speak to a member of staff then please make an enquiry through the school office for a mutually convenient time and contact method.

I know that many families are looking forward to returning to school full-time in September and we have made the safest arrangements we can to support all our children and staff returning.

What difficult times we have been through as a community and as a nation. Currently the situation looks like it is improving with the reduction of the transmission of the Covid-19 virus due to the individual and collective actions we are all taking. All of our arrangements do appear to be quite a change from what we are used to but they will be regularly reviewed to ensure the **Safety of Everyone**. Should there be an increase in the rate of transmission either locally or nationally then we will again follow the government guidance.

Over the last few days it has been lovely to see nearly everyone back in school even for a short time. We wish the Year 6 children moving on all the very best in their new schools and know they will always carry a little bit of Whitehouse in their hearts wherever they go.

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 17th July for the Summer Holidays.

I would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and the governors for their support especially since 20th March.

I hope that all the families manage to have some lovely, relaxing and hopefully sunny days during the next 6 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Randle', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mrs S Randle

Head Teacher