

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families and Friends,

It has been great to see so many children returning to school this week. I am also looking forward to seeing more of you next week too! Over these final two weeks of the year, we will have welcomed back over 80% of the school, which will stand these students in really good stead for their full return in September (although I completely understand the reasons for those students who are still learning from home).

Full School Re-opening (Wednesday 9th September 2020)

As you may be aware, the government announced, last week, that they intend schools to fully reopen in the new academic year for all age groups. They also announced that it would be up to individual schools to fully risk assess their site and provision, so that they can state what measures need to be in place, to ensure the full safety of all school users. There have been some general guidelines regarding this, including:

- Removing the cap of 15 students per 'bubble' of children
- Relaxing the need to fully impose social distancing within groups/bubbles of children
- Allowing peripatetic teachers to move between schools, as long as social distancing is observed

The school is planning for this full re-opening in September, however, there are a number of weeks before this planned re-opening goes ahead and a lot may change before then. The full details of the school's risk assessment will be shared closer to the re-opening (by the end of August), however please be reassured that we will accommodate your children, wherever it is safe to do so.

The initial plan, with the current guidance, will be to treat the full school as a 'bubble', meaning students will be able to mix with one another and enjoy school in a relatively normal manner, especially at break and lunch. This size of bubble is typical of the sizes seen in much larger schools, where whole year groups are being treated as bubbles. There will still be some differences, such as regular handwashing/cleaning, staggered pick-up and drop-off times (to limit parent/carer contact), the need to self-isolate if showing symptoms, as well as some social distancing between classes during lesson times (which is the norm). However, it must be stressed that this is dependent on the national guidance related to COVID-19 and is subject to change.

The current guidance is also stipulating that attendance at school is statutory. Therefore, if you do not wish for your child to attend school in September, without good reason, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss the ramifications of this. We will try to be flexible and accommodating, where possible.

Students will return to school wearing uniform in September, wherever possible, however, it must be washed regularly.

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School Reports

Children's school reports have been sent home this week (with some arriving in the post next week). We hope you enjoy reading about your child's achievements over this unusual year. If you wish to discuss this report with your child's class teacher, please contact the school.

School Payments and Communication

Alongside your child's report, you will have received a letter from Mrs Hargreaves outlining the school's commitment to develop systems that are as paperless and cashless as possible. Please read this information carefully and ensure that you follow any relevant guidance. Please contact Mrs Hargreaves if you require any technical support or have any questions relating to this. Thank you for your support.

Learning Packs

Finally, I think our home learning has been a tremendous success and the work children have produced has been of such high quality. Please can I ask that you keep your child's learning pack and completed work, so that it can be brought into school in September, as a record of how well everyone did during the school closures.

Please also make sure school resources, such as reading books or children's exercise books are kept safe and returned to school, so that they can continue to be used in school.

Have a great weekend & take care,
Mr Cooper (Interim Headteacher)

Home Learning Heroes and School Superstars





Term Dates (Academic Year 2020-21)

	Break up	Return to School
AUTUMN TERM 2020		<u>Wednesday</u> 9th September
OCT HALF TERM 2020	Friday 23rd October	Monday 2nd November
CHRISTMAS 2020	Friday 18th December	<u>Tuesday</u> 5th January
FEB HALF TERM 2021	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
EASTER 2021	Friday 26th March	<u>Tuesday</u> 13th April
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2021	Friday 30th April	Tuesday 4th May
MAY HALF TERM 2021	Friday 28th May	Monday 7th June
SUMMER 2021	Friday 23rd July	Wednesday 8th September 2021 (TBC)

Teacher Training Days 2020/2021 :7th & 8th September, 4th January, 12th April and 26th July

Please avoid booking holidays and other non-essential term-time absence during these term dates.

