

01.09.20

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September version of our school newsletter. We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Last year was an unusual year for us all and we have never experienced anything like this in any of our lifetimes. *Hopefully* we are now about to enter a smoother year (fingers crossed) and, although you will notice some subtle changes in the day to day running of school, we hope that you will feel fully informed and as eager to get back to as normal a situation as we are able to. We thought you might appreciate receiving the first newsletter of the year a little bit earlier than usual as you will undoubtedly have questions about the running of school and what our procedures will look like. Please rest assured our risk assessments and school building have been thoroughly checked and passed by the Local Authority, the teaching unions and also our Health & Safety provider. Obviously it looks as though COVID-19 will be around for the foreseeable future, so therefore all our plans will be subject to change in the light of local or national lockdowns and changes from the Department of Education.

It goes without saying that we are all incredibly excited for the start of the new school year and eager to have everyone all back to school under the same roof. Although we have remained open throughout for our key worker children it just hasn't been the same without the whole school together. It is wonderful to think that our building will once again be filled with laughter, enthusiasm and a sense of community and we are really looking forward to finding out how everyone has been getting on.

Rather than overfill this first newsletter, we will aim to keep this fairly brief and give you the headline information for the first few weeks. Further updates will be sent once we are all in the swing of things...



Thingwall Primary School's September Return to School Plan:

This plan is practically the same as the plan that we circulated in our July newsletter. There have been a couple of minor changes, mainly to do with the lunchtime arrangements and assemblies. One of the key measures the Government have put into place is the continuation of our 'bubbles'. Children are to only mix with the other staff and children from their bubbles and movement around school is kept to an absolute minimum. This is to prevent cross infection and, in the event that someone contracts COVID-19, it would hopefully mean that we would only need to close one bubble rather than the whole school for the recommended time.



For operational purposes our bubbles are as follows...

FS2

Years 1 & 2

Years 3 & 4

Years 5 & 6

| w/c 02.09.20 unless LA or Government guidance suggests otherwise | RED BUBBLE FS2 | ORANGE BUBBLE Y1 | YELLOW BUBBLE Y2 | GREEN BUBBLE Y3 | BLUE BUBBLE Y4 | PINK BUBBLE Y5 | PURPLE BUBBLE Y6 |
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| Teacher | Mrs Leyland | Miss A Collins (M/T/W) Miss Yardley (W/T/F) | Mrs Goulding | Mrs Mitchell | Mrs Holroyd | Miss Arden | Mr Bettridge |
| Teaching Assistant | Miss Durn/Mrs Hutchinson | Mrs Foster Mrs Sparke | Mrs Jones | Mrs Smith | Mrs Marsland | Mrs Marsland Mrs Smith | Miss Hine |
| PPA Staff | Miss Durn/ Mrs Foster | Miss Collins/ Miss Yardley | Miss Hine/ Mrs Jones | Mrs Smith/ Premier Sports | Miss Yardley/ Miss Marsland | Mrs Evans | Miss Hine |
| PPA Day | Monday pm | Wednesday pm | Thursday pm | Friday pm | Wednesday am | Tuesday pm | Tuesday pm |
| Numbers on roll | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 25 |
| Morning Playtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i> | 10.45-11 KS1 'A' | 10.45-11 KS1 'B' | 10.30-10.45 KS1 'A' | 10.30-10.45 KS2 'A' | 10.30-10.45 KS2 'B' | 10.45-11 KS2 'A' | 10.45-11 KS2 'B' |
| Lunchtime Staffing | Miss Ebbrell – 3 days Vacancy – 2 days | Mrs Foster – 5 days Mrs Sparke – 5 days | Mrs Hartley – 5 days | Mrs Dakin – 5 days | Vacancy – 1 day Miss Gibson – 4 days | Mrs D Collins – 5 days | Mr Colligan – 5 days |
| Lunchtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i> | 12-12.40 Eat in Canteen 12.40-1.10 Play on KS1 'A' | 12-12.40 Eat in Hall Red Table Side 12.40-1.10 Play on KS1 'B' | 12-12.40 Eat in Hall Brown Table Side 12.40-1.10 Play in Willow Way | 12-12.30 Eat in Y3 12.30-1.10 Play on KS2 'A' | 12-12.30 Eat in Y4 12.30-1.10 Play on KS2 'B' | 12-12.30 Play on KS2 'A' 12.30-12.40 Wash Hands 12.40-1.10 Eat in Y5 | 12-12.30 Play on KS2 'B' 12.30-12.40 Wash Hands 12.40-1.10 Eat in Y6 |
| Snack time (fruit and milk/water) | 10.30-10.45 | 10.30-10.45 | 10.45-11 | 10.45-11 | 10.45-11 | 10.30-10.45 | 10.30-10.45 |
| Afternoon Playtime – where/when? <i>The playgrounds will be split in half and referred to as 'A' and 'B'.</i> | 2.00-2.15 KS1 'A' | 2.00-2.15 KS1 'B' | 2.15-2.30 KS1 'A' | | | | |
| Drop off time (at classroom door) | 8.55 | 8.55 | 8.50 | 8.45 | 8.55 | 8.55 | 8.45 |

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| Pick up time (at classroom door) | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.25 | 3.20 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.20 |
| Toilets | FS2/Year One toilets by the FS2 Classroom | | Year Two/Year Four Toilets by the Year Two Class Room | Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom | Year Two/Year Four Toilets by the Year Two Class Room | Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom | Year 3/5/6 Toilets by the Year Six Classroom |
| Assemblies | Mon | Picture News Class Assemblies | | | | | |
| | Tues | FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Assembly in Hall Year 3 and Year 4 – Class Assembly Year 5 and Year 6 – Class Assembly | | | | | |
| | Wed | FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Class Assembly Year 3 and Year 4 – Assembly in Hall Year 5 and Year 6 – Class Assembly | | | | | |
| | Thurs | FS2 – Class Assembly Year 1 and Year 2 – Class Assembly Year 3 and Year 4 – Class Assembly Year 5 and Year 6 – Assembly in Hall | | | | | |
| | Fri | Good Work/Good Citizen Class Assemblies | | | | | |
| School meal arrangements | Choice between packed lunch provided by home (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or bars of chocolate please) <u>or</u> a hot meal deal <u>or</u> a hot picnic bag (provided by Edsential and to be booked via School Money) | | | Choice between packed lunch provided by home (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or bars of chocolate please) <u>or</u> a hot picnic bag (provided by Edsential and to be booked via School Money) | | | |
| First Aiders | 1 st Aid Mrs Leyland Mrs Hutchinson Paediatric 1 st Aid Mrs Leyland Mrs Hutchinson Miss Durn | 1 st Aid Miss Collins Mrs Foster Paediatric 1 st Aid Miss Collins Mrs Foster Specialised 1 st Aid Trained Mrs Foster Mrs Sparke | 1 st Aid Mrs Goulding Mrs Jones Paediatric 1 st Aid Mrs Goulding Mrs Jones | 1 st Aid Mrs Mitchell Mrs Smith | 1 st Aid Mrs Holroyd Mrs Marsland | 1 st Aid Miss Arden Mrs Evans Mrs Smith *** Mrs Marsland | 1 st Aid Mr Bettridge Miss Hine *** |
| Mental Health trained (CACHE Level 2) | Mrs Leyland Mrs Goulding Mrs Evans | | | Mrs Mitchell Mrs Evans Mrs Marsland | | | |

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| | | Miss Hine Miss Arden Mrs Smith |
| Next Steps trained (Social and Emotional Health and Well-Being) | Mrs Goulding and Mrs Hutchinson for FS2 and KS1 | Mrs Smith for KS2 |
| Additional notes | <p>KS1 Playground will be split into half 'A' and half 'B'</p> <p>KS2 Playground will be split into half 'A' and half 'B'</p> <p>School uniform to be worn please but please change daily into fresh uniform to minimise the risk of cross-contamination</p> <p>To minimise changing of clothes for the first term, PE kit will not be worn. Instead children will be expected to change their foot wear into pumps or trainers. We will inform you in advance should this arrangement change once we get things up and running</p> <p>Toilets may be shared by more than one year group as is the usual arrangement.</p> <p>*** Denotes staff who have completed the 3 day First Aid In Work qualification</p> <p>Please contact CAPE for information about the before and after school provision if needed on ejfassociates.co.uk</p> <p>Until further notice there won't be any extra-curricular clubs, at the earliest we think clubs will resume in January.</p> <p>Please do not bring any mobile phones or toys into school from home unless by prior arrangement with the class teacher.</p> <p>Please see revised COVID-19 appendix to the Behaviour Policy on the school's website.</p> <p>Hand washing will take place on arrival at school, before and after break times, before and after lunches and before going home for the day. Hand sanitizer is also available.</p> <p>We will not be accepting visitors into school for the time being, unless by prior arrangement.</p> <p>The classes will stay as separate bubbles apart from a small assembly once a week, where the children will be socially distanced in the hall.</p> <p>Presently, the Government are recommending that primary aged children do not need to wear face masks. If this changes we will let you know.</p> <p>Certain staff may be wearing a mask and/or a visor.</p> | |



Return to School:

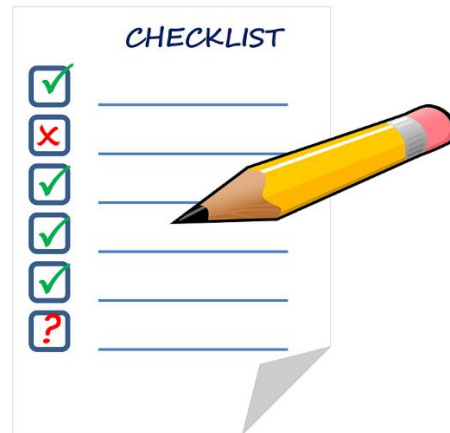
DO BRING -

Water Bottles – The water fountains will be switched off. Therefore your child will need to bring a fresh bottle of water in each day. Please make sure your child's water bottle is clearly named.

Packed Lunches – If your child is an infant they will be entitled to a free packed lunch or a hot meal deal each day. If you require this please log onto our on-line system and select your child's preference. If your child is a junior and he/she wants a packed lunch provided by school, please log on in the same way, pay the usual price and choose your child's filling option. As KS2 will be eating in their classrooms we are not offering the hot meal deal so please do not select this option. If you want to provide your child with their own packed lunch then that is fine.

Sunhat, sun cream, sun glasses – If the weather is sunny you will need these items for your child. If your child prefers, they may like to wear the summer uniform if the weather is warm.

First Aid - There will be a designated first aider within each bubble and staff have been provided with PPE for first aid situations.



DO NOT BRING -

Please do not bring in pencil cases or PE kits for the time being. Pumps or trainers can be kept in the classroom (please ensure they are fully named). We are not allowed to use the cloakrooms at present so we need to minimise items brought in to keep the classrooms as clutter free as we possibly can. We will not be changing for PE for the time being. If this changes we will of course text you to let you know with plenty of warning. Staff will provide your child with pencils etc.

11+ Update:

We have been informed that the dates for the 11+ examination have been changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Parents of pupils who have opted to take the examinations will have been emailed directly with the changes so please make sure you check your inbox if you are not aware of the new dates.



Adults on Site:

Please try to keep to only one adult per family on school grounds if you can and practise social distancing. We would recommend that you do not congregate in groups and wear a mask if possible. The exception to this rule will be for our new starters in FS2 – we understand completely that more than one adult may want to wave their child off on their first day at school! Again, the Trim

Trails are out of bounds and we would be grateful if parents could keep children (including pre-schoolers) off the equipment as we cannot guarantee it will be completely virus free. Also please keep off the Viking boat (outside the Computer Suite) as this has sadly not been built to withstand children (or Vikings) climbing aboard. Adults will not be allowed access to the school building unless by prior arrangement in very rare circumstances. If you do need to have a word with the office staff please ensure that you wear a face mask whilst in the Entrance Hall and please do not enter the Entrance Hall if you can see another family inside already. If you need to have a word with your child's class teacher please let them know and they will endeavour to ring you back as soon as they are able to.



School Calendar:

We are sure that you will appreciate that this term will be very different than other Autumn Terms. We will circulate a school calendar over the next few weeks but we anticipate that Parent's Evenings will be by telephone appointments and that Harvest Festival/Christmas Services will be conducted within bubbles and without our usual audiences. Apologies in advance for these changes, we hope to get back to greater normality in the Spring Term.



Recovery Curriculum:

Our first half term back at school will focus largely on the emotional health and well-being of the children and the re-establishing of routines. We recognise that every family will have had a totally different experience of the lockdown and we want to help the children make sense of what they have been through and to support them back into school. We will be following the Ealing PSHE Recovery Curriculum alongside our usual National Curriculum and each week we will have a different focus to help the children feel safe and secure.

For your interest, the structure of the first half term's Recovery Curriculum will be as follows...

w/c 02.09.20 – settling back in

w/c 07.09.20 - relationships

w/c 14.09.20 - community

w/c 21.09.20 – resilience

w/c 28.09.20 – metacognition (understanding our thought processes and why we feel like we feel)

w/c 05.10.20 - space

w/c 12.10.20 - consolidation

w/c 19.10.20 – ways forward for the rest of the year



Once the children are ready to access their learning once again we plan to identify where gaps in learning may be, plug those gaps based on where they left off last year and ensure that they are ready to access the new year group's learning as soon as possible. We have also identified specific shared reading texts to be read during English sessions and milk times to support transition back to school. These texts include...

| Year Group | Texts |
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| FS2 | Bloom (Hope In A Scary World) - Anne Booth Stanley's Stick – John Hegely Various starting school books and other familiar texts |
| Year 1 | Beegu – Alexis Deacon Wonder (picture book version) – R J Palacio |
| Year 2 | Spoon – Amy Krouse Rosenthal Kid Normal – Greg James Superbuns – Diane Kredensor Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed – Emily Pearson |
| Year 3 | Me and Mr P. Maya's Storm - Maria Farrer Only One You – Linda Kranz Shine – Andy Cope |
| Year 4 | The Suitcase Kid – Jacqueline Wilson The Diary Of A Brilliant Kid – Gavin Oattes Long Way Home – Michael Morpurgo |
| Year 5 | Notes For Living On Planet Earth – Oliver Jeffers The Black Dog – Levi Pinfold The Bear Under The Stairs - Helen Cooper The Word Collector – Sonja Wimmer |
| Year 6 | Wonder - R J Palacio All The Things That Could Go Wrong – Stewart Foster A Boy Called Hope – Lara Williamson |

Plan B –

As you'll appreciate, this situation is constantly changing and developing, sometimes on an almost daily basis. The Government do not want to necessarily go for a full lockdown again but we may experience a local lockdown at some point or we may need to close bubbles as previously mentioned. If this happens rest assured we have a full programme of work for children to access on-line and we will again be able to provide paper copies for specific individuals.



With very best wishes, we cannot wait to see you all once again next week.

Mrs D L Evans