

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD

Welcome Back!



# HEADS UP



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Welcome to our first joint schools' Heads Up. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and we are very pleased to welcome the children back, ready for learning. We especially look forward to getting to know the children who are new to the schools.

We have tried to get the schools back to as close to 'normal' as we can, but we still need to be very mindful of the need to keep everyone safe and follow the government guidelines. Therefore, I thought it would be useful to put all the information in one place so that you know what to expect next week.

## Staggered start and finish times

As those of you with us last term will know, we sent out the start and finish times for the Autumn Term but here is a reminder:

Class	Year Group	Start time	Finish time
<b>Infant School- using one way system</b>			
Red/Blue Please check your letter to see whether your child is starting school in the morning or afternoon on Thursday 3rd September.	Reception	From 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 9.00am	3.15pm
Purple/Green	Year 1	8.55am	3.10pm
Silver/Gold	Year 2	8.50am	3.05pm
<b>Junior School - using front and back gates</b>			
Class 8 (Back Gate)	Year 3	8.40 am	3.05pm
Class 7 (Back Gate)	Year 3	8.45 am	3.10pm
Class 6 (Back Gate)	Year 4	8.50 am	3.15pm
Class 5 (Back Gate)	Year 4	8.55 am	3.20pm
Class 4 (Front Gate)	Year 5	8.40 am	3.05pm
Class 3 (Front Gate)	Year 5	8.45 am	3.10pm
Class 2 (Front Gate)	Year 6	8.50 am	3.15pm
Class 1 (Front Gate)	Year 6	8.55 am	3.20pm

## Quarantine

I know the rules around quarantine when returning from holiday have been ever changing and somewhat confusing. However, it is important that if you have visited a country that has quarantine measures on return, you ensure that the full 14 days have passed before your children return to school. Could you please e-mail the school to inform us of the date you expect your child to return.

## **Bubbles**

Where possible, the children will be keeping in class bubbles (but no bigger than year group bubbles). Because of this, we will be having zoned playground areas and no whole school gatherings, e.g assemblies, lunches, etc. We will keep the staff in the same classrooms as much as practical, but where staff need to cross bubbles, they will endeavor to keep a 2m distance from children. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be sitting in rows facing the front of the classroom as per government guidelines. As the children are under 12, they will not need to wear facemasks in school. However, if you would like your child to wear a facemask please provide them with one.

## **P.E and Equipment**

We would ask that all children bring in their (named) P.E kit and trainers at the start of term and these will stay in their classrooms all the time (we will send them home for washing every few weeks). The junior children should bring in their own pencil cases to keep in their trays but they will then stay in school. The infant children will be given writing/drawing equipment, which will be shared between them and their table partner.

## **Lunches**

Children will still be able to choose a school lunch, which will be a hot or cold packed lunch option, or they can bring in their own packed lunch. These will be eaten in classrooms.

## **Illness**

If your child shows any symptoms of being unwell, please do not send them into school. If your child becomes unwell at school, we will ask you to come and collect them. If their symptoms are related to Covid, we will ask you to have a Covid test carried out and will need to wait for the results before your child can return to school. We will only send whole bubbles home if a child or staff member in that bubble has a confirmed positive test.

## **Medical Care Plans**

If any children have, or should have, medical care plans or Asthma forms please contact the school office on the first day of term to ensure we can update/write these, especially in light of Covid.

## **Parents visiting school**

Where possible, we would ask parents to pass any information on by phone call or e-mail. If parents need to come to school for any reason, we would ask you to book an appointment in advance if it is to speak to the teacher/headteacher. Any visitors to school will need to wear a facemask and we would ask for no more than one person to wait in the reception area at any one time. We know that some reception parents may have to 'encourage' their children into the classroom in the first week or so. If this is the case, please could you wear a facemask on entering the class. You will then be asked to wash your hands and refrain from touching the toys.

## **Dates**

We will send out a Parentmail after the start of term with all the important dates on for the schools. However, we will ensure that all dates are updated on our school websites, together with other valuable information. Please could I ask you to check the website first before phoning school, as often the information you need can be found there.

## **Transition to school Powerpoint**

We have put together a Powerpoint for parents to share with children before they return to school just to support transition back to school. This will be sent out by Parentmail but will also be put on the school websites.

We are all busy getting the schools ready to welcome the children back. We are very excited to see everyone and hope the children are eager to get back to learning, seeing their friends and having fun.

***Ms Elbourne-Clod***