

# School News



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Primary School

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AUTUMN TERM 2020

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I am so pleased that all year groups have finally been able to return. Welcome to all our new families too—we aim to send out this newsletter fortnightly, we hope you find it useful.

I am so proud of how your children have adapted to the new measures put in place around school; they are really embracing the changes made since COVID. As you know, it is now statutory for pupils to return to school—please see the reverse of this newsletter for some COVID attendance-related FAQs.

Thank you for your patience whilst we all get used to the new measures/timings etc. In response to feedback, we are altering our drop off times. **From Monday 14th September, children should arrive at any time between 8.45am and 9am.** Please do not rush to arrive for 8.45am—the 15 minute window is to encourage children to gradually filter in and avoid a 'rush'. As confirmed cases in Wolverhampton rise, it is especially important that children are not mixing with children from other bubbles whilst waiting and that social distancing between adults is maintained. Nursery and Reception should continue to enter through Nursery gate and Years 1-6 through the main gate—please queue to ensure social distancing. If families need to speak to a member of staff, to maintain safety, please can this be via phone call or email rather than at the gate. Staggered collection times will remain in place as below.

	Leave
AM Nursery	11.45am Nursery gate
PM Nursery & Reception	3.15pm Nursery gate
Years 1 & 6	3.10pm classroom door
Years 2&4	3.15pm classroom door
Years 3&5	3.20pm classroom door

You should have received a letter this week regarding breakfast and after school club. We are pleased that these facilities will resume from Monday 14th September with some alterations. All bookings now need to be made and paid for in advance by the Thursday of the previous week.

Mrs Highman



## 2020—2021 Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

Term Time: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 until Friday 18th December 2020

Half term holiday: Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Term Time: Monday 4th January 2021 until Thursday 1st April 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Term time: Monday 19th April until Wednesday 21st July 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021

### Year 6 - secondary school

Year 6 families—please remember to make your child's secondary school application by October 31st 2020. You should have received a letter from the Local Authority regarding this.

### Parking/Conduct

We have received a complaint from a resident regarding parking outside school. For the safety of our families and residents, please ensure you adhere to road signs when parking and allow plenty of space for residents to exit their driveways.

Many thanks.

Please also a reminder to all families that in order to keep our children, families and staff safe, aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated on school grounds or around the school site.



### Health



In usual circumstances, school nurses conduct hearing tests for pupils in **Year 1** - these are currently not taking place.

Due to COVID, our current **Year 2** children also missed their hearing checks in Summer term. If you have a concern regarding your child's hearing, please contact your child's GP. The school nursing service has also sent out letters this week for Reception and Year 6 families. Please return these to school by Thursday 17th September. School nurses will also be visiting school in the coming weeks to teach children in EYFS and KS1 the importance of hand hygiene.

# Can my child come to school?

**My child has a new continuous cough/high temperature/loss or change of smell or taste.**

**No.**

Your child must isolate for 10 days.

Household members should isolate for 14 days.

Arrange testing for your child by calling 119 or visiting the NHS Test and Trace website.

Inform school of the test result as soon as possible.

**Someone in our household has coronavirus symptoms.**

**No.**

The person with symptoms must isolate for 10 days and arrange for a test by calling 119 or visiting the NHS Test and Trace website.

Your child must isolate for 14 days. With the rest of the household.

Please inform school so that we can record attendance appropriately. We will monitor children in school but no action will be taken unless any children display symptoms.

**My child has a cold or is feeling a little unwell.**

**Yes.**

If your child feels well enough, you are fine to send them to school as long as they are not displaying any symptoms of the virus.

**Someone in our household has been sent home from school/work to isolate for 14 days because they may have come into contact with an infected person.**

**Yes.**

Your child may still come to school unless the household member starts to display symptoms.

If you are unsure, please give us a call and we will do our best to advise.