



11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We are thrilled to see the vast majority of our children return to school this week. Children have settled very quickly into school, behaved beautifully and adapted quickly to the new ways of working.

Teachers are currently working to assess what children remember and then planning the work to help the children catch up. Please help us at home by listening to your child read each day and help them to practise their times-tables.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all our amazing parents who have adapted to the new routines. Your co-operation with us is very much appreciated.

Please can I remind you of the following points:

- Children can bring a book bag, water bottle and lunch box only (no rucksacks as we don't have space). KS1 book bags are £3.50 and KS2 book bags are £6.50 and can be bought via ParentPay.
- All parents and anyone over 11 should wear a face covering when entering the school site which helps to keep us, you and your family safe and reduce the risk of catching and spreading Coronavirus. Thanks to all the parents who are doing this.
- Please park on Prospect Road if possible and avoid driving onto Westminster Road to help reduce the traffic near the school entrance.
- School ends at 2.40pm – please arrive on time to pick up your children.
- Please return any library or school reading books to school.

We are constantly reviewing our arrangements and thank you for your feedback. If you have any suggestions or comments, please speak to a member of staff at the gates.

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, the following changes to our arrangements are in place:

- Please send a filled water bottle with your child each day. Water will be provided if your child forgets their water bottle.
- **The Northallerton Road gate will be open to children only.** Children can be dropped off at this gate in a morning and staff will guide the children to their door, but parents cannot access site using this gate. If you are a new parent, and wish to bring your child down the drive, please continue to use the Westminster Road gate.
- Year 5 and 6 children can walk home or meet parents at the end of the day. Letters have been sent home and we must have your permission in writing. Please note that we cannot supervise these children at the gate. The KS2 children who leave site alone, can use the Northallerton Road gate from next week.



We are working to improve our lunchtime. Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 classes will eat in the dining room every day and have full menu options. We are implementing a rota for KS2 with some classes eating in their classroom and these children may choose a sandwich grab bag only. Next week, children in year 3 and year 5 will eat in their classroom, and year 4 and year 6 will eat in the dining room. The following week (week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September), this will swap so that children in year 4 and year 6 will eat in the classroom and can year 3 and year 5 will be in the dining room. We will keep reviewing this to see how it works.

The following classes have PE as the first lesson on these days and on these days only the children in this class can come to school in their PE kit but must bring their uniform to change into. There is only one class using the cloak room for changing (per day) and it is cleaned thoroughly after use.

Monday – Bangladesh

Tuesday – Japan

Wednesday – Mexico

Thursday - Jamaica

Friday - Peru

Please keep your child at home if they or someone in your house has a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change to their taste or smell. If your child has any of these symptoms, please book a test online or via 119. If your child is absent, please ring the office on 01274 648490.

It is essential that we have your up to date mobile number and that you are contactable every day, so that if your child becomes ill during the day, we can ring you and you come quickly to collect them. Please ring the office on 01274 648490 if your number has changed.

Thank you for continuing to support the school with the new changes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky White'.

Nicky White  
**Principal**