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*'Where Every Door is Opened
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Families,

This letter contains all the information for opening up of school tomorrow, you received this information in July but it is for you to recap.

September 2021 –

As our school moves back to some kind of 'normality' we will be keeping some protocols which we implemented throughout our time with full COVID regulations in place as we enter a new stage of progression in Step 4 and moving forward at Witton Church Walk. Health and safety is still of upmost importance and this will be continually reviewed in line with any COVID guidance from the Government and from our local public health department.

Hand washing, cleaning, ventilation and good hygiene will still be an integral part of our school day as we move in to Step 4 and follow the new operational guidance for schools. As will the importance of track and trace, lateral flow testing regularly and **our school community following all guidance if symptomatic** – details for this are further in the letter. Please ensure you read this letter carefully.

Visitors in school –

If you need to speak with someone in the office only two people will be allowed in to the entrance area and you will need to sanitise your hands as you enter. The bottom glass window will be open but the larger top window will still be closed at the moment.

Drop off –

Morning drop offs – parents/carers will drop children at the gate – you will not need to enter school grounds

TIME	YEAR GROUP	GATE
8.45 - 8.50	KS1 Year 1&2	Parents to drop the children off at gate 5
8.45 - 8.50	LKS2 Year 3&4	Parents to drop the children off at gate 2
8.45 - 8.50	UKS2 Year 5&6	Parents to drop the children off at gate 2
8.55 - 9.00	Nursery and reception	Parents to drop the children off at gate 2 and exit through gate 3

Gate 2 location – front of school, leading to Nursery, Reception and school playground

Gate 3 location – between the houses by Nursery, going through to School Way

Gate 5 location – at side of school in front of the modular building and football pen



Pick ups –

You are asked to enter the school grounds to pick the children up. Please remember that if anyone else is picking your child up then you must inform the office or we will not let them leave with the adult who arrives until we have it confirmed with yourself. Thank you.

TIME	YEAR GROUP	Pick up gates
3.15	KS1 Year 1 and 2	Enter any gate and leave any gate
3.20 (not before)	LKS2 Year 3 and 4	Enter any gate and leave any gate Miss Merchant, Miss Mottram – exit at classroom Miss Simcock – exit at middle blue door
3.20 (not before)	UKS2 Year 5 and 6	Enter any gate and leave any gate All Year 5/6 pupil to leave through the back blue door
3.15	Nursery and reception	Enter any gate and leave any gate

New school telephone number

You may have seen our notices on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram already as we changed our school telephone number at the end of the summer holidays. Our new school telephone number is 01606 663610 and this is the number that will show on your phone whenever anyone from school calls you in the future.

Data Collection Sheets, Permission Letters and GDPR

We will be sending home data collection sheets, permission letters and GDPR paperwork week beginning Monday 6th September. It is so important that the information we hold is correct and up to date so I am asking that you check and sign all the paperwork and return it back to the school office as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday 15th September.

PE –

Children will continue to come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. Class teachers will let you know as soon as possible regarding the days their class has PE.

PE uniform is and MUST be a –

- PLAIN white t-shirt
- Navy blue joggers or shorts
- Navy sweater or they can use their school jumper
- Black pumps or trainers

Please ensure everything is named so it can find its owner if it gets misplaced.

School uniform and shoes –

As a result of a suggestion from one of our youngest pupils in school we have decided to allow the children to wear any colour school shoe as long as it is a school shoe and not a trainer or healed shoe. A sensible full school shoe in any colour of leather – red, blue, white, black. No sequins or sparkles just a coloured leather or painted leather school shoe.

Please see website for school uniform and expectations.

ONLY small stud ear rings and watch may be worn.



Please ensure everything is named so it can find its owner if it gets misplaced.

Walking home alone –

Please note that we would only find it acceptable for Year 6 and possibly Year 5 children to walk home alone. If you would like your child to have permission to walk home alone then you MUST inform the office immediately and state which days they are allowed to do this. You MUST inform the school if this changes for any reason.

Mobile phones and watches linked to the internet –

Children are NOT allowed any watches that are linked to the internet or that can make telephone calls.

Children are NOT allowed to bring a mobile phone to school unless it is for safety as they have permission to walk home alone. When your child comes in to school the phone MUST be placed directly in to the teacher's cupboard to be kept safe until the end of the day.

Snacks at break time –

We will be allowing children to purchase snacks at break time from the kitchen from Year 1 to Year 6. All Year 1 and Year 2 children will receive free fruit so they will already receive a free item of food at morning break. If your child would like to purchase snack it will be a limited choice e.g., toast, cinnamon & raisin bagel, tea cake or crumpet and it will be served outside on the playground and NOT from the hall. Your child's account must be in credit to allow them to receive snack which can be pre-ordered at home or with the class teacher in the morning.

School breakfast club/wrap around care –

As we return we will begin our school breakfast club. At the moment we are still trying to appoint staff in order to provide full wrap around care but I will keep you informed as soon as we are able to provide this provision. The school breakfast club will begin at 8.20am, children will only be allowed in from 8.20am – do not drop your child outside and leave as there will be no one responsible for them. The cost is £3.00 each day including a snack, a piece of fruit and water or milk and this must be paid in advance of the session.

Norovirus

You will be aware that Norovirus (which is typically a winter sickness bug) has been around over the last few months and we need to do our part to stop the spread in school.

If your child feels sick, has been sick or has had diarrhoea then they will need to stay off for 48 hours from the last feeling, or bout of being sick or having diarrhoea. If we all play our part, we can reduce the transmission.

Masks and social distancing –

Masks and social distancing are not a requirement on school grounds in September but I do ask that you respect anyone of our school community (including my staff if you want to speak with them) who stills feels they would like their own space and also if they decide to continue to wear a mask.

Symptoms and test and trace –

If develop symptoms in school....

If your child has one or more of the three main symptoms, then we will ask for them to be collected from school as soon as possible – it is your responsibility to ensure your details are up to date and we ask that you answer your phone. They will be isolated away from the



class until you collect them. Once you collect them you will need to take them for a PCR test immediately and inform school of the result as soon as you receive it so we can advise.

If symptoms develop at home –

If your child or anyone in the household develop symptoms, please do not come to school. Inform school immediately and book PCR tests. Once results are back again please inform school immediately.

If you know you are a close contact of a person who has developed symptoms or is a confirmed positive case whether in the same household or not –

If you are a confirmed contact of a positive case, then you or your child must have a PCR test immediately as per guidance – again you do not need to self-isolate until the results come back but **I am asking you to consider this** to limit the transmission and reduce the likelihood of reverting back to our contingency plan due to rising cases within our school community.

If cases rise in school –

If we have a significant number of cases in school our local PHE will ask us to put our contingency plan in to place which will see us revert back to as we were in the summer –

- Key Stage Bubbles
- Staggered start for each bubble
- Staggered collection for each bubble
- Staggered breaks and lunches
- Masks and social distancing in school and on school grounds for everyone
- No visitors into school

We will also close for 48 hours allowing staff and children to get a PCR test and allow for any symptoms to develop and therefore cases will stay at home, again reducing the spread as much as we are able so we are able to revert back to ‘normality’ quicker.

If you and your family have been aboard during the holidays and your child has been required to take a day 2 PCR test, please inform us immediately as this may impact the date they return to school.

Again I must thank you in advance for supporting us with the coming year, we are very much looking forward to welcoming our school community back together for a wonderful new school year.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Kathryn Magiera

