



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2019–2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

4th March 2021

My staff and I hope this letter finds you all safe and well after what has been a very difficult start to 2021. As you will be aware, The Prime Minister has made the decision that schools will open fully, to all children on Monday 8th March. We are very excited to see our children and families again, we have missed you all very much and are looking forward to welcoming you all back.

School has been open to a large number of children during Lockdown and all my staff have worked extremely hard to ensure children, both in school and at home, have been able to access quality teaching. I commend my staff for their dedication in managing online and in school learning for all children, this has been a mammoth task and staff had to learn new skills and ways of teaching, in a very short space of time. I also congratulate my families for supporting those children accessing home learning during a difficult period and also those who have sent their children to school every day during the pandemic.

The majority of children have engaged well with their learning and all those children who needed electronic devices to support them at home, have been allocated laptops. Now as we move back to school, can I ask that these devices are returned, so they can be used in school, or if a class or bubble needs to self-isolate.

As we return to school on Monday, please be assured that all the protocols and procedures school put in place when children returned to school after the previous Lockdown, will remain in place from Monday. These measures include, working in bubbles, improved hygiene, frequent hand washing, social distancing, staggered timetables and staff will wear face coverings when moving around and outside the school. Face coverings will not be worn in the classroom and children will not be required to wear a face covering.

School will follow the government guidelines around the wearing of face coverings when picking up and dropping off their children and social distancing when waiting for children outside the school gates. Parents and carers will only be allowed into school if they have made an appointment and must follow protocols when they enter the building. Further, more detailed guidance can be found following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>.

Please be aware that the government have now said that school attendance is mandatory, children must be in school. Cooked school dinners will be provided for the children and dinner money, (£10 per week) should be brought into school on Monday 8th March.

PLEASE TURN OVER



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Beginning and end of day

Nursery times are **8:30 – 11:30** for the morning session and **12:15 – 3:15** – enter and exit through **Wilkes Street**

Reception **9:00 – 3:00** – enter and exit through **Wilkes Street** entrance

Years 1, 2, 6, **8:55 – 3:15** – enter and exit through **Corporation Road** entrance

Year 5, **9:00 – 3:00** – enter and exit through **Wilkes Street** entrance

Years 3 & 4 **8:55 – 3:15** – enter and exit through **Bartlett Street** entrance

Reminders

- All children will now do PE on a Friday afternoon, so please can you ensure your child has their PE kit for that day. Can I also remind parents and carers, that children should not wear jewellery and small stud earrings need to be taken out for P.E.
- Children's hair should be tied up as there have been a few cases of head lice in school. School policy asks that children do not have hair shaven into stripes or with sections hanging longer than other parts of the hair. Details are in the school policy. If you need a copy of the school uniform policy, please ring the office.
- All reading books and work books, need to be brought into school as soon as possible.
- Breakfast Club will reopen, in the first instance, for those children whose parent(s) work. We will look to extending this over the coming weeks

Finally

We sincerely hope that we are now seeing an end to this terrible pandemic. We are looking, hopefully to the future when all children return to school, get back on track and engage with their learning. It is vitally important that in today's world, we all see the value of education helping our children work towards a better, brighter future. ***My staff and I are determined in our vision to ensure all children achieve the very best they can. Doing the very best they can in all they can do.***

We are so looking forward to welcoming all back to school. Have a lovely weekend.

Ann Pringleton

Headteacher



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