



Monday, 02 November 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Welcome Back to Autumn Term 2

I hope you all had a good half term break.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement that there will be a national lockdown from this Thursday, I am writing to remind you that schools will remain open and we look forward to all of our pupils returning to school tomorrow morning.

Here is a reminder of the timings for each bubble:

Oak Class (Year 4, 5 and 6) will attend school each day from 8:45am – 3:10pm.

Acorn Class (Reception and Year 1) will attend school each day from 8:55am – 3:20pm.

Sapling Class (Year 2 and 3) will attend school each day from 9:05am – 3:30pm.

Dropping off and Collecting Your Child

Children should be dropped off and collected on the school field. Only one parent/ carer should bring their child to and from school. The gate between school and the village hall will be the only entry point on to the field.

When you arrive on the field you will see signs and an area marked off in blue. Within this area are blue boxes for each family to individually wait in. Parents and children must stay 2 metres apart from other families and the staff, by waiting within the blue zone area at all times and follow the instructions on the signs.

When staff arrive on the school field, they will call your child over to them. Once your child has been called, please say goodbye and leave the field immediately, making your way to your car. Please do not congregate in the car park. The gate on the other side of the village hall, furthest away from school, will be the only exit point from the field. Please follow the same routine when collecting your child at the end of the school day.

Please be on time for school. Arriving too early or too late could result in us being unable to maintain social distancing rules. If, on the rare occasion, you are late, please stay in your car and telephone the school office to let us know. We will then organise with you to collect your child.

Uniform

Children need to return to school in full Rodmarton School uniform. Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/rodmarton>

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Alternatively, second hand uniform is available from Bryher Grimes. Please contact the school office for further details. Please ensure your child has waterproof clothing and a change of footwear so that they can access the field whatever the weather. These items can be kept in school.

PE and Forest School

We have only been able to secure Forest School for Acorn class this term and their session will continue to be on Tuesday. On their Forest School day, the children should come to school in suitable clothing that covers their arms and legs and sensible, sturdy shoes. On wet days, they will need to bring rain wear.

To avoid the need for children to change their clothes, on PE days, your child should wear their PE kit to school:

Acorn class will continue to go to Forest School on Tuesday and have PE on Wednesday

Sapling class will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday

Oak class will have PE on Monday and Thursday

Please note that we expect school PE kit to be worn and not branded or logoed items.

Before and After School Care

We will not be offering any clubs from outside providers until after Christmas at the earliest. Before and after school care will be available to those families who need to use our wrap around provision.

We are trying to keep additional children and staff, before and after school, to a minimum. If you have booked your child into our club and no longer require the place because you will be working from home, please contact Mrs Sharp who will cancel your booking and reimburse or credit your account.

Cleaning

Our enhanced cleaning schedule continues, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and play equipment. Wherever possible, soft furnishings have been removed from classrooms.

Hygiene Practices

Children and staff will continue to clean their hands regularly throughout the day. We have developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly.

We will ensure our children understand good respiratory hygiene by continuing to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and ensuring a good supply of tissues and bins throughout the school.

Communication

Parents are not permitted on to the school premises, including the school office unless this has been agreed by myself. Parents must always stay within the blue zone of the school field. Should you have any questions or queries, the best way to communicate them is by contacting Mrs Sharp in the school office.

Social Distancing

It is important that you ensure social distancing is enforced whilst your child is not in school in order to prevent/minimise the spread of infection. Parents and carers will be expected to physically distance from each other and from staff when dropping off and collecting their children and to limit drop off and collection to one parent or carer per household.

Illness

Anyone who is displaying coronavirus symptoms, or who lives with someone who does, must not attend school. Please inform us if anyone is showing symptoms.

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If we are concerned that your child may be unwell and have Coronavirus symptoms whilst at school, we will contact you and will expect you to collect your child immediately.

If another child at school or a staff member becomes unwell with Coronavirus symptoms, we will contact all parents and advise you of what you will need to do.

Please note: Since the start of the epidemic, I have informed you of all tests that have taken place. Because of the high volume of tests that we have seen so far, from this point forward, I will only communicate test results if they are positive.

There are 3 Main Coronavirus Symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – please note, this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature as this is considered unreliable).
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

You do not need to have all 3 symptoms to suspect that you may have coronavirus. Even if you have 1 of these symptoms, you must isolate at home with the members of your household and arrange for anyone with symptoms to have a test.

If your child has any of these symptoms, you must not bring them to school. If your child presents to staff with any of these symptoms, we will contact you and ask that you collect your child immediately and arrange for them to be tested.

Arranging a Test

You can arrange to have a test by either going online to <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name> or by calling 119. Please note that the Local Authority advises you to keep trying to get an online appointment for a test as new places are being continually released.

What to Do Next?

You and the members of your household need to stay at home and await the test result. Once test results are known, you must inform the school.

Google Classroom

On the 30th September, the Secretary of State for Education issued 'The Coronavirus Act 2020 provision of remote Education (England)'. It is now a legal requirement for schools to provide immediate access to remote education, should a class, group of pupils or individuals need to self-isolate, or there are local or national restrictions requiring pupils to remain at home.

If your child needs to isolate at home or we have to close the school, we will continue to use Google Classroom as our main teaching tool. We currently use this for homework and class communications.

It is very important that all pupils can access their account. If you have any issues using Google Classroom, **please inform the school office immediately** so that we can resolve this. If you have any difficulties acquiring IT equipment to use for this purpose, please let me know.

The measures that we have put in place are designed to keep our whole school community as safe as possible. Please continue to adhere to these.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all from a distance tomorrow morning.

Mrs C Musty, Headteacher

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