



Friday, 28 August 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re: Full September Opening

We are delighted that we can welcome all our pupils back to school next week. Please note the details below which include amendments to the previous school opening sent out last term.

Autumn Term Dates

School opens for all pupils in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Our Reception pupils will join us on **Thursday 3rd September**.

Attendance

Usual school rules on attendance will be mandatory from September.

Class structures

Our children will be grouped in whole class bubbles. They will have consistent staffing as much as is possible, and we will minimise contact with other groups around the school.

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.

If you have children in more than 1 class, you will need to drop them off and collect them at different times. With the school fully open, we will not have the capacity to collect and hold on to siblings at the same time. This may mean waiting in your car in between drop off and collection times. In some circumstances, for example, those of you who have babies, may prefer to wait on the field. However, we must ensure that the field does not become congested and that everyone adheres to our social distancing measures.

Dropping off and Collecting Your Child

Children should be dropped off and collected on the school field. If possible, one parent only 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.

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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. The gate on the other side of the village, furthest away from school, will be the only exit point from the field.

You must 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.

Uniform

Children need to return to school in September in full Rodmarton School uniform. Uniform can be purchased from Price and Buckland <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/rodmarton> Alternatively, second hand uniform is available from Bryher Grimes. Please contact the school office for further details.

Equipment

Pupils should bring minimal equipment to school; a packed lunch, if you are providing this from home, a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream. These must be taken home daily and kept clean. Your child must not bring in toys or any other items from home. At school, each child will be provided with their own resources tray with all the equipment that they will need. These items will not be shared with any other child and they will be cleaned after use.

PE

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 have PE on Wednesday

Sapling class will have PE on Friday

Oak class will have PE on Monday and Wednesday

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

Forest School

In addition to PE lessons, we are hoping that all classes will be able to go to Forest School each week. We are awaiting confirmation of whether this will be possible but I can confirm that for Acorn class, their session will take place on a Tuesday afternoon.

Children should come to school on their Forest School days in suitable clothing that covers their arms and legs and sensible, sturdy shoes. On wet days, they will need to bring rain wear. As soon as I know whether Sapling and Oak class will be able to attend Forest School, I will let you know.

Before and After School Care

We will not be offering any clubs from outside providers until after the Autumn term at the earliest. Before and after school care will be available to those families who need to use our wrap around provision. Please refer to the previous Parentmail which gave details of how to book your child into before and after school club.

School Dinners

School dinners will be available but Caterlink are still to confirm whether they will be offering a hot meal or a packed lunch. Lunches can be ordered on the day so there is no need to let us know orders in advance. For those who pay for school lunches, these will be billed in the usual way through Parentpay. If you do not wish your child to have a Caterlink lunch, please provide your child with a lunch from home.

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Cleaning

We will continue to implement an enhanced cleaning schedule, 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, these can be shared with staff on the school field, whilst remaining in the blue zone or you can contact school by phone or email.

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. That includes children and staff who work here. Please inform us if anyone is showing symptoms.

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 that staff illness may result in us being unable to offer school to all groups of pupils. We will contact you at the earliest point if we are unable to have your child in school.

Testing

All children who attend a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. The aim is to enable children to get back to childcare, and their parents or carers not to need to self-isolate any longer than is necessary, if the test proves to be negative. A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect other children and staff in their setting.

All parents and carers must ensure they organise a test for their child, in the event that they develop coronavirus symptoms, and notify us immediately of a positive test. Further guidance is available about [getting tested](#).

Agreement to these Measures

In order to make our school as safe as possible, it is important that everyone follows the measures that we have put in place. Parents are expected to comply with our measures. Staff will continually reinforce

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these measures and support children to follow them. Please talk to your child at home about what has been put in place and why it important that they follow this.

Thank you for your continued support.

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