

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

It is great to be able to say that Year 1 to Year 6 are now back and having checked on the classes, both inside and out, the children are looking happy and really focused.

I wanted to say a massive thank you to all those parents who helped this morning, by dropping and going, wearing masks when they were close and keeping the pavements free so that other parents could get through. Day one of children returning is always bit emotional for families, but I would ask those who did not feel able to move away from the school gates today, to please do so as the week goes on.

The main thing was getting the children into school, within the time we planned, and that was done really well. As the days go on and children and parents know what to expect and where to go, it will become smoother and more normal.

Parents can make more than one journey into school if they have children in different year groups OR they can drop all the children off with the sibling who has the shortest day. We now have a rough idea and a list of the children this involves and can now put in place an area and system which will be appropriate for those numbers of siblings.

Coats

A number of parents have questioned the need to bring coats into class and place them in bags. Please be aware that all teachers know to use common sense on wet days. Suitable and safe ways of drying coats before going into bags will be sorted within classrooms. The junior age children have always had lockers not pegs, so coats previously were placed in these when wet, and we have yet to have any concerns raised about it. The reason for doing this is because we are avoiding the children gathering in large groups indoors where they have no choice but to be close (The lockers and pegs are on top of each other). It also allows children to access classrooms externally and not internally. This means that in the event of a positive case being confirmed, fewer children would be affected, and ultimately fewer children would need to potentially self-isolate and fewer families would be at risk.

New FS Children

It was fantastic to see the picnics happening outside for our new FS children and their families. The Foundation Stage area also looks brilliant and as the children gradually build up their time in school, we know they will do really well.

Uniform

It was great to see children wearing the new logo and uniform. I think it looks very smart. Please be aware that plain tops are also fine and older uniforms can be worn until they need replacing.

Thank you once again to the vast majority of parents and families this morning who were so supportive and who played their part in getting all the children in on time. It's really lovely to have them all back. We will continue to update you on their successes as the days and weeks go on.

Mr Moir