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Return to School – September 2020

Dear Parents,

I am sure you have heard on the news that it is now the Government's plan that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time in the autumn term, as returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing.

Please support us by ensuring that you follow the Public Health advice to minimise coronavirus risks and **DO NOT** send your child to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or you have someone in your household who does.

If there are medical reasons that your child cannot return to school you must to bring a doctor's/hospital letter at the start of term.

In order to keep everyone safe and well, the school environment will look and feel slightly different, and the school day will be organised in a different way.

We will be operating a phased return to allow the staff to support children into the new routines they will encounter, especially if they have not been at school since March.

Unfortunately there will be **no Breakfast Club initially** but we hope to reinstate this as soon as practicable.

Start and end times of the day will be slightly staggered to allow for drop off and pick up.

Start of the day

Please wait at the gate for your child to be admitted, while maintaining a safe distance from other parents.

Please **be on time for school** and arrive within your time slot. We are all working together to keep our whole school community safe. We will not have the capacity to accept late comers to school and can only allow one adult/family into the Reception Lobby at a time.



End of the Day

Staff will admit parents into the school playgrounds in small groups. Only 1 adult per child will be allowed entry.

If you wish to speak to a teacher please phone the office and they will get back to you.

Personal Belongings:

Children will not need bags and pencil cases. They will all be provided with stationary. Children can now bring their Book Bags to school and Home Reading books will be sent home in due course.

All children need to bring a named bottle of water daily. The drinking fountains will not be in operation.

Lunch

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they will be provided with a Universal Free School Meal, initially until the October half term - this will be a healthy packed lunch.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 may bring their owned healthy packed lunch or purchase their lunch in the usual way, paying through Parent Pay. This will be a healthy packed lunch for the first half term. All children will eat their lunches in their classrooms.

Uniform

Children are expected to return in full school uniform, but on their PE days (see below), the children should come to school dressed for PE, in navy blue jogging bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and plain white/plain black trainers or plimsolls. They may wear a navy tracksuit top or their school jumper.

Start date-Not all children will start the new school year on the same date

Please see the details below regarding dates and times for each year group.

Start Friday 4th September

	Start day	Gate	Arrival	Home time	PE Day
Year 1	Friday 4 th September	KS1 gate-Bounces Rd	8.40-8.50	3.00	Thurs Fri
Year 3	Friday 4 th September	KS2 gate-Hertford Rd	8.40-8.50	3.05	Mon Fri
Year 6	Friday 4 th September	KS1 gate-Bounces Rd	8.50-9.00	3.15	Tues Thurs



Start Monday 7th September

	Start day	Gate	Arrival	Home time	PE Day
Year 2	Monday 7 th September	KS1 gate-Bounces Rd	9.00-9.10	3.00	Fri 2/1-Thurs 2/2-Tues
Year 4	Monday 7 th September	KS2 gate-Hertford Rd	8.50-9.00	3.10	Tues Wed
Year 5	Monday 7 th September	KS2 gate-Hertford Rd	9.00-9.10	3.15	Mon Wed

The School Day

We have been advised to avoid large gatherings such as assemblies or collective worship and we will be working as Year Group bubbles.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered so that Year group bubbles will not mix. Hand washing facilities will be available for each class. Activities will be tailored to meet the needs of the pupils and new routines and rules will need to be established. Activities which support re-integration, pupil safety and mental health & wellbeing will be our priority for the first two weeks.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your understanding and patience at this time. We know from talking to you that some of you are still concerned and anxious about sending your child to school.

Please be assured that the health and safety of the entire school community is our prime concern.

This is also such a sad time for us to say good bye to Mrs. Hanley, our Headteacher for the last 10 years, and a member of our St. Edmund's school community for 30 years.

It has been hard for children, staff and parents to be unable to say good bye properly, to thank her with hugs and hand shakes. Please be assured that she will return, hopefully in the Autumn Term, for a proper farewell. Until then we wish her every happiness and many Blessings as she enters an exciting phase of her life.

Let us all put ourselves in the hands of our loving God and pray together that He will bless all of us and our families during the summer holidays.

Best wishes

Mrs. Johnstone
Deputy Headteacher

