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Dear Parents/Carers,

## WELCOME BACK!

Thank you for supporting the school with the full opening for this academic year. It is vital that we have the best possible start to the academic year, and give your child/children the best opportunity. The first two weeks have been focussed on teachers getting to know the children, setting expectations and making sure they are settled back in to school routine after being away from school for a very long time. This is part of our Recovery Curriculum which all teachers are following this half term.

Attendance has been good and we have been in touch with families who are still in quarantine. Please remember that the government has stipulated that attendance is compulsory (except for exceptional cases which we have detailed in previous letters). These are unprecedented times and we are so very fortunate to be part of such a supportive community.

We have taken feedback from parents and reviewed our organisation. **From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, there will be new arrangements for drop off and collection of the children** - we will keep trying to make it better whilst limiting the wait time and gathering of adults around and on the school site.

**The new school timings are as follows:**

**SCHOOL OPENING TIME: 8:45-9:05AM MONDAY-THURSDAY**

**SCHOOL CLOSING TIME: 3:15-3:30PM MONDAY-THURSDAY**

**ON FRIDAYS: SCHOOL WILL CLOSE 12:55-1:10PM**

We have provided this window for children to be dropped off and collected at the end of the school day. Please be prompt to pick up your child at the end of the day. Parents must not congregate around the school gates at the beginning and end of the day. We are no longer operating a one-way system, instead we will be using 3 entrances/exits for children to be dropped off or collected.

**The following gates will be used: ARDEN ROAD, ADDERLEY ROAD, ENTRANCE FROM ADDERLEY PARK.**

**In the mornings, parents will not be allowed on site.** Parents must drop their child at one of the 3 entrances. Children will be guided straight to their classes.

**At the end of the school day,** parents will enter the school site through one of the 3 gates, children will already be waiting in the playground with their teachers ready to be collected. Parents **MUST** collect their child/children and leave the site as quickly as possible without engaging in long discussions with the school staff. Parents **MUST** follow social distancing guidelines in the playground.

**For new children starting Reception,** arrangements for **next week only** will be as follows; parents should drop off and collect their child from the Main Entrance by the School Office. Staff will be guiding you in. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to stay and play for both morning and afternoon sessions. The afternoon group will be dismissed from the classroom doors in the playground as normal.

## School Uniform

If your child still requires items for their school uniform or PE kit, we will no longer be selling these from the playground. Parents must place an order with the school office by completing a slip in the Main Entrance or via telephone call after 9:30am. Items can be collected the following day between 9:30am-3:00pm.

## PE Kits

Children have PE on set days. When it is your child's PE day, they should come to school in their kit, except for children in Reception - they will be changing into their PE clothes in school as this is part of Early Years development. Please see the uniform policy on our website for information on what children should wear.

### School Office & Parent Meetings

In line with the Department for Education guidance and our school risk assessment, we are unable to have parents in school unless by prior appointment. Parent meetings in school will only be held when absolutely necessary and parents and staff will be required to wear face coverings for this. For general enquiries, please call the school office after 9.30 am. You may also leave a message for a teacher, who will get in touch with you via a telephone call.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If you or anyone in your household has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), you must self-isolate for 14 days and book a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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 you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### Things to Remember:

- Children must not come to school if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus. You must call the school office to inform them of this.
- Book a test if you are displaying symptoms. Tests can be booked through the NHS website – [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/) or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.
- Please ensure that the school is informed of the test outcome – positive or negative.
- If someone tests positive they should follow the Stay at home: guidance for households with confirmed coronavirus. You must call the school office to inform them of the positive result.
- If your child develops symptoms in school, you will be called and your child will be sent home immediately and asked to self-isolate.
- If a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of the bubble will be sent home to self-isolate in line with government guidelines. We will inform all parents about this, should this arise. Home learning will be set for the bubble that is self-isolating.
- Parents and children are encouraged to walk to school and avoid public transport as much as possible.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times. If you are unsure about anything please do not hesitate to ask us via the School Office or call 0121 464 1500.

With thanks

Mrs Rizvana Darr  
Head Teacher

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

We would like to remind our Year 6 parents to apply for your child's secondary school place online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between **1st September and 31st October 2020**.

It is important that you submit your application by 31st October 2020. Applications received after the national closing date of 31st October 2020 will be treated as late applications, late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools and these applications will be processed after 1st March 2021 in accordance to Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

Please speak to the school office if you require support with applying.