

Dream Believe Shine



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Back to School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back in September! Much will be the same, and children will no doubt be glad to see their friends and the staff, and return to school routines. But many things will be different, and we will help the children learn to adapt to the changes through the systems and expectations which we have put in place.

Children start back on Thursday 3rd September after (2 staff INSET days)

Bubbles

Children will remain with their class Bubble for work and play. Each Bubble has its own designated Play Zone, and playtimes and lunchtimes are staggered to limit the number of children on the playground. Year 6 pupils have the field as their Play Zone. Please ensure your Y6 child has adequate footwear for playing on the field (this can be a change of shoes, or wellies).

Most adults stay in their Bubble (e.g. teacher and TA), but some adults move between Bubbles (e.g. Senior Leaders).

P.E.

PE will take place outside but will not commence for the first two weeks. Details and expectations regarding P.E. will follow.

Start and End to the day

Enclosed are your staggered start and finish times. KS1 and KS2 pupils will have a full day of learning.

Reception children will start with half days. This is to help our very youngest pupils, who have had very little Nursery provision, transition into school. Reception children have been allocated morning or afternoon place.

We will run in this way for at least September, but will consult with you and find out how well your children are settling, and so move to full days as soon as we judge it is safe to do so. If the half day is likely to cause you an issue because you must return to work and have no support, then please speak with me or Mrs Fielder, or Miss Johnson. We will take each on a case by case basis, and find a solution for you and your child.

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There are designated gates for drop off and pick up. There is time to walk between gates if you have more than one child to drop off. Please arrive at the designated time and observe social distancing while waiting. Please be patient with us – we have a lot of children and we want to keep everyone safe and well.

The teacher will meet the children at the gate and they will stand on the playground spots until the class Bubble is assembled.

I'm sorry but no parents are allowed on site. Please kiss and drop them at the gate – we will look after them.

School Meals

Lunches will be a 'carry-out' style meal and will be delivered to classes. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, their meal is free (Universal Infant Free School Meals). If your child is in Years 3-6, they must pay for their meal, or may bring a packed lunch.

Your child will be shown a week's menu and make their choices. I will add the menus to the website before school opens.

Drinking

Children should bring their own water bottle and take it home to be washed and filled every day. Children should only drink water while in school

PPE

Children may wear a mask or gloves if you choose. This is also optional for staff.

Uniform

Children should be in clean school uniform, including black footwear.

Consent

There will be a consent form pack for you in the first week back.

Behaviour Policy

Enclosed is the annex to our behaviour policy which is changed for this COVID period. We expect children to behave well and follow directions. WE praise and reward good choices and hard work.

Holiday Club

There are holiday club places in the Minver Sports Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the Aspley Partnership if you would like a place for your child. They are also providing Craft Packs for children to do at home, which you can collect.

I wish you a happy summer, and look forward to seeing you in September. If you have any concerns or questions, please phone, and a member of the office team will pass them on to me.

Kind regards,

Ms Bromley

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