



Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of this academic year we would like to again take the opportunity to extend our thanks to the whole school community for pulling together in what have been unprecedented and difficult times. We feel immensely proud of how our children have enjoyed their year and the learning that has happened despite the obvious challenges. A big thanks also goes out to our dedicated cleaning staff that have kept the school as safe as possible through their hard work and dedication, which has also led to minimal disruption over the year.

As well as reflecting on the year gone, we also want to take this opportunity to look forward to September and a new year ahead. Like every organisation, there has been so much learning that we have had to do throughout the pandemic and it has made us rethink many ways that we have done things previously. Some of the changes have been forced upon us, but as we move into a new 'less restricted' phase of the pandemic, we are also keen to keep the systems that have made school life a better experience for our learners.

**This letter sets out the school expectations for September return:**

#### Cleaning and hygiene

- Please be assured that the school will continue to maintain the high standards of hygiene and cleaning across the school. This includes increased hand washing facilities and increased cleaning down of areas after use.
- Whilst face masks will now be a choice rather than a requirement, we will continue to support visitors and staff who wish to wear them on site or in busy areas.

#### The school day

- The school gates will still open from 8.35am but registration for Reception to Year 6 children will now close at 9am. Any children arriving after 9am will need to sign in at the office.
- The times for different year groups are as follows:

9.00am to 3.00 pm - **Nursery**

From 8.35 am to 3.00pm - **Reception**

From 8.35 am to 3.10 pm - **Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)**

From 8.35 am to 3.20 pm - **Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)**

- We are aware that the pandemic has not gone away, and therefore would ask that parents do not enter the main school building without an appointment in order to keep infection rates down.
- We have been so pleased with the increased independence of our children with the new routines. **We would ask that all parents continue to allow their child(ren) come into school from the gates independently unless they are very young or**

**new to the school.** This is also the same for the end of the day when the children will walk out of school at the times above. We would not expect Key Stage 2 parents to come onto the site to collect children.

- All children will continue to access the school via the classroom external doors rather than through the school building. Children in **Years 4 and 5** will continue to enter and exit past the main office and around the bottom of the car park as they currently do.
- It is important that children wear their full school uniform in September. These can be ordered from the link on the school website. Please make sure that they wear sensible black shoes other than on PE days (see below).
- We will continue to ask children to wear their PE kit on the days that they have this activity rather than keeping it in school. For Forest School days, please bring waterproofs and wellingtons (labelled with child's name) in a labelled bag. These days will be communicated to parents at the start of each term.
- The school office will continue to be open for parents throughout the school day but we would respectfully ask that wherever possible you continue to contact them via email [admin@sticklepath.org.uk](mailto:admin@sticklepath.org.uk) or phone 01271 342455.
- Breakfast and After School provision will remain the same for the start of term. Please contact the office to enquire about availability.
- We are delighted that clubs and after school activities will be running next term. A list of activities for year groups will be communicated to parents in the first few weeks back.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer break with plenty of sunshine and laughs. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best Wishes

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