



Newsletter

28th August 2020

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the start of the new school year.

School re-opens to all pupils on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

We have been working hard to follow Government guidance to ensure school is ready to safely welcome everyone back. Thank you for your continued support to help us keep the whole school community as safe as possible. We still need you to continue with social distancing and following all COVID guidance.

PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY AS IT CONTAINS A LOT OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE WILL INITIALLY OPERATE THIS TERM.

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK.

The Government guidance for schools indicates that our 'essential' measures include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

We have included all these measures within our COVID risk assessments and ask you support us with these measures to keep our school and community COVID free.

Our Risk assessments are available on the school website. Please familiarise yourself with these as some of our processes and procedures have changed. Please note risk assessments and routines will change as required in line with the guidance we receive.

Symptoms/potential cases of COVID-19:

It is ESSENTIAL that any child, staff member or person who is feeling unwell MUST NOT come into school.

If your child (or member of the household) displays any of the recognised symptoms of Covid-19 they should not be sent to school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. We cannot stress enough how important this is to protect our whole community. If in doubt get a test, do not take a chance.

- **New persistent cough**
- **High temperature**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

If a child exhibits these symptoms in school, they will be immediately isolated, and you will be contacted to come and collect your child. We will expect that a test will be arranged to confirm the symptoms and you will let school know the outcome of the test as soon as you can.

Temporary Changes to School Procedures

From September all children will be back in their classes as normal and we will operate **year group** 'bubbles.' This will mean that children from one year group can be taught together, play together, have lunch together etc. They can also enter and exit the school building together at set times.

Entering and leaving school times will be staggered across the school, therefore it is important that you know the temporary new start and end times for your child's year group.

When bringing your child to school please ensure:

- Only one adult to accompany children to school
- Adults to observe social distancing of 2m
- Adults to avoid congregating with other adults in the playground / outside whilst dropping off and collecting from school
- Children to be held by the hand and not allowed to run around the playground
- If you need to speak to a member of staff, please telephone to arrange a call back
- If you have to speak to staff at the door, please ensure you are 2m away from them
- You must bring your child into school during your allocated time slot
- Please check as some year groups will enter and exit through their classroom door - details next week
- School uniform is to be worn on all days other than your child's PE days - Outdoor PE kits to be worn on PE days to limit having to get changed therefore no PE bag is necessary at this time
- Please only come to the school office if it is an emergency and can't be dealt with through a telephone call or email
- Only one person in the entrance area at any time.

Additional information:

- Handwashing will remain a priority
- Signage will continue to be provided around the school
- Children will have lunch and play with their year group 'bubble'
- Classroom windows and doors will remain open wherever possible
- Children's desks will all be forward facing
- All children will be provided with their own pencil case containing their own equipment to reduce the need to share
- Outdoor learning will be promoted
- Assemblies/parent/carer events will not take place for the foreseeable future
- The daily act of collective worship will take place in individual classes replacing whole school assemblies
- Professionals from other educational organisations may visit the building, however, they will follow COVID guidelines
- Parental helpers/volunteers will not be working in school for the foreseeable future
- PPE will be worn by staff if administering First Aid as they will be in close contact with the child
- Staff will sensitively encourage social distancing of children
- The school will be cleaned regularly throughout the day
- Children are discouraged from bringing things from home to school which are not essential
- Each child can bring a named water bottle and lunchbox if required.
- Reading books will not be sent home initially.

It is vital that all of the changes mentioned above are followed by the whole school community. Your on-going support is greatly appreciated.

Government guidance for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

School Meals

Due to the restrictions social distancing places on the school kitchen, we will initially offer a limited menu in September (allergies etc will continue to be catered for). This will of course be revisited, and full menu choice resumed as soon as we are able. September Menu will be:

Day	Main Lunch	Dessert
Monday	Oven baked sausage, mashed potato, baked beans.	Oaty biscuits OR fresh fruit OR yoghurt.
Tuesday:	Pasta Bolognese, garlic bread, sweetcorn.	Chocolate drizzle cake OR fresh fruit OR yoghurt.
Wednesday	Roast chicken, Yorkshire pudding, broccoli, cauliflower, mashed potato.	Jelly Delight OR fresh fruit OR yoghurt.
Thursday	Homemade chicken curry, rice, naan bread.	Iced ginger sponge OR fresh fruit OR yoghurt.
Friday	Fish, chips and peas.	Chocolate brownie OR fresh fruit OR yoghurt.

Packed Lunch

If you prefer your child can bring a packed lunch. Please send this with them on Thursday 3rd September and we will ensure their meal pattern is set as Packed Lunch for the Autumn Term.

A free meal will be provided to all pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and those pupils who are entitled to a means tested free school meal (FSM).

If your circumstances have changed and you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact

Attendance

Attendance at school becomes statutory again from 1st September 2020 meaning **ALL** children must attend school every day. Our usual attendance procedures will be applied.

Please contact the office on the first day of absence by 9.00a.m. to inform us of the reason for the absence.

Home Learning

The home learning email addresses and year group phones will not be used whilst school is open. If you need to contact your child's teacher, please contact the school office 01325 240499 or admin@whinfield.net and your enquiry will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

Provision will be made for remote learning in the event of further lockdowns. Further information will be shared with you as necessary.

SEN & Safeguarding

Mrs Murray can be contacted 01325 240499 ext. 2 or 07469 402630. If you have an urgent Safeguarding concern, please contact or the Children's Services Front door on 01325 406222.

Book & PE Bags

PE bags are not required as your child will come to school on the days they have PE wearing their outdoor PE Kit. Book bags are not required initially - we will inform you when these are required.

PE Lessons

We will be allowing all children to come to school on their PE day wearing their outdoor PE kit - they will therefore not wear their school uniform that day. This will reduce the need for getting changed and storing PE bags in school.

Please ensure your child has an outdoor kit: Black jogging bottoms, sweatshirt or track suit, red PE T-shirt, and trainers.

PE takes place twice each week.

Year Group	Class	PE Days - Kit to be worn to school.	
Reception	All Classes	Wednesday	
Year 1	1D-Miss Dunn	Monday	Tuesday
	1M-Mrs Murphy	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	1/2A-Mrs Airey	Monday	Thursday
	2G-Miss Graham	Monday	Tuesday
Year 3	2HP-Mrs Hall/ Mrs Paterson	Monday	Tuesday
	3V-Mrs Vinton	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	3WH-Mrs Walker Hodgson	Thursday	Friday
	3O-Mrs O'Callaghan	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 5	4S-Mrs Souter	Wednesday	Friday
	4ND-Mrs Dunn	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	4D-Mr Douglas	Tuesday	Wednesday
	5L-Mr Legg	Wednesday	Friday
Year 5	5R-Mrs Richardson	Monday	Wednesday
	5B-Mrs Barker Jones / Mrs Bowe	Monday	Friday
Year 6	6B-Mrs Boulton	Thursday	Friday
	6C-Mrs Close	Monday	Friday
	6W-Miss Watkins	Monday	Thursday

Diary Dates

We would normally issue a list of diary dates with all our parental assemblies and events at the start of the year.

Unfortunately, due the restrictions placed upon us, there are no current plans to host any assemblies or events in school.

Once the Government issue guidance for schools on social gatherings in educational settings, we will plan events and share these with you.

After School Clubs & Activities

There will be no after school clubs or activities.

Once we are able to reinstate these, we will notify you.

Updates

You will appreciate the guidance we receive around COVID -19 will continue to change in the coming months.

We will continue to update you using School Gateway and the school website as changes happen.

It is essential you keep your contact details up to date at all times. If these change, please contact the school office to inform us 01325 240499 or admin@whinfield.net

Parking Safety

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that cars **DO NOT** park in the bus space in ASDA car park.

Parking in the bus space causes congestion and makes it difficult for other cars to check that it is clear and safe to move past. The school have involved the police in helping us to keep the children safe. Please ensure you drive at a sensible speed and be vigilant as you are driving and parking so that you are watching where children are walking.