

Dear Parent / Carer

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow (Thursday 3rd September).

This letter is just a reminder about all the provisions that we have put in place to try to keep school a safe and enjoyable environment.

School Set Up

Each year group will be a contained zone (bubble) with their own classrooms, toilet block, entrance and playground area. Children must remain in this zone.

Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms so that we do not use a shared room. FS2 is the exception to this where they alone will use the dining rooms as their classrooms don't accommodate eating at tables like the other classrooms do.

For the first half term we will be offering a packed lunch school meal only. This is to help us with the organisation of getting all the dinners into classrooms at their allocated times. We hope to review this for the second half term.

Start and end times for different zones have been staggered to minimise the amount of children in corridors and the amount of people congregating in the playgrounds and outside of school. We have kept this to a maximum of 15 minutes wait for those of you with more than one child in the school.

There will be no breakfast club or after school clubs for this first term as we are using this time and our staff for enhanced cleaning before and after school each day. Also we cannot maintain the Government's required zones if we run clubs.

There will be no gatherings of more than one zone therefore assemblies will be run via Zoom in the classrooms.

There are some break out /quiet rooms available for children who have additional needs. These are allocated for them and their zone only.

Classroom Set Up

Classroom tables will be set up to avoid face to face contact.

We will provide children with their own equipment and exercise books which will all be kept in their own plastic folder.

If there is any sharing of equipment, then it will be cleaned after use.

Children need to bring their own water bottles from home and take home each evening for washing.

Protective Measures

We will be regularly washing hands – entering and leaving rooms, before and after eating, after going to the toilet and after sneezing or coughing.

We will be promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach and have many boxes of tissues in the classroom as well as special lidded bins to dispose of the tissues.

Each classroom will have plenty of hand washing soap, sanitiser and cleaning products.

Classroom staff and children will be involved in cleaning regularly touched surfaces and any shared equipment in the classroom.

There is also a robust cleaning programme in place for before and after school.

Social distancing will be adhered to as much as we can. This obviously depends upon the ages of the children and the situation arising. We will not leave your children alone if they need us.

If a member of staff outside the child’s zone needs to come into contact with your child, they will either maintain social distancing or wear a face mask / visor.

Curriculum

The Autumn term will be used to assess children’s gaps in their learning, fill in these gaps and accelerate learning to attempt to catch up. This will be done by creating mini projects led by the children’s interests, which will cover all areas of the curriculum.

We will continue to use Numicon to catch up and accelerate learning in Maths.

We will be providing a great deal of pastoral work to support the re-building of friendships and social engagement as well as creating a sense of safety and connection. We will also help children deal with their feelings around the crisis and support the improvement of their physical and mental well-being.

How you can help

Do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of Covid 19.

Do not bring in any toys or equipment in from home.

Long hair must be tied back and no jewellery is allowed.

Continue to practice robust hand washing at home as well as the respiratory hygiene of ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’. Please ensure your children wash their hands as they leave your home and as soon as they get back in after school.

Send your child in their school uniform and wash it more often if you can.

Provide your child with a water bottle, packed lunch and lunch drink (if you do not use the school meals service) and some healthy snacks.

Provide your child with a change of footwear for outdoors P.E. that can remain in school. No P.E. kit is needed for the first half term.

Drop off and pick up your children from the playground at your allocated time only and use the heart markers to maintain social distancing. But don't worry, we are aware that some of you may have to pick up several children from different doors at the same time. We will look after your children until you arrive.

Do not sit on or use any of the playground benches or equipment – these are sanitised for the use of one of the zones.

If your child comes to school on a bike/scooter, please ensure they maintain social distancing from anyone else and not touch anybody else's equipment. The area will be cleaned each evening.

Do not enter the school yourself – please telephone or email if you need anything.

If you arrive late and your zone door is shut, please bring your child to the main entrance but do not enter the school yourself. Our staff will escort your child to class.

If there is a suspected/real case

The guidance states that *'If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).*

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.'

If your child becomes unwell, we will contact you immediately for you to collect your child.

School must be informed of a positive result so that we can contact the Health Protection Team who will advise us of the action we need to take.

If your child needs to isolate or there is a local lockdown within school or even wider, then we will provide remote education through Google Classroom.

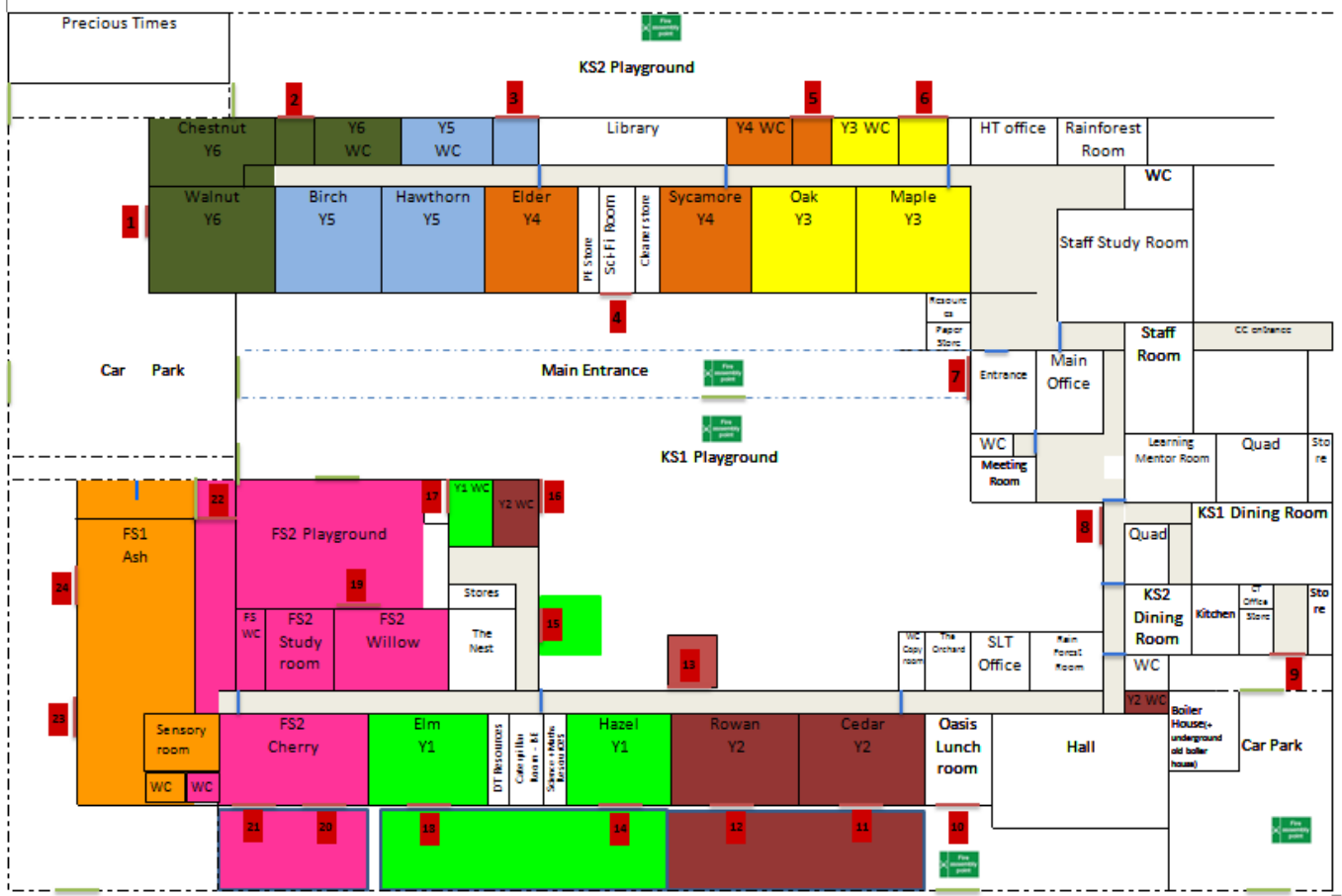
Please see the full updated government guidance by following this link -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-5-contingency-planning-for-outbreaks>

Zone Information

| | Location | Entrance | Timings |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Zone Y6 | Walnut + Chestnut Classrooms | 2 | 8.55am Start 3.20pm Finish |
| Zone Y5 | Birch + Hawthorn Classrooms | 3 | 8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish |
| Zone Y4 | Elder + Sycamore Classrooms | 5 | 8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish |
| Zone Y3 | Oak + Maple Classrooms | 6 | 8.55am Start 3.20pm Finish |
| Zone Y2 | Cedar + Rowan Classrooms | 13 | 8.55am Start 3.20pm Finish |
| Zone Y1 | Hazel + Elm Classrooms | 15 | 8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish |
| Zone FS2 | Cherry + Willow Classrooms | 19 – Willow 22 - Cherry | 8.40am Start 3.05pm Finish |
| Zone FS1 | Ash Classroom | 23 + 24 | AM session–8.50am–11.50am PM session–12.10pm–3.10pm All day session–8.50am–3.10pm |

School Map of Year Group Zones



Please rest assured that our staff will do everything they can to keep your children safe, happy and help them settle back into school life.

Yours sincerely

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