

4th September 2020,

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for re-opening on Tuesday, I wanted to update and remind you of various information that may help to make the return easier all round.

If you haven't already, please review the attached Powerpoint information so that you know when your child should be beginning and ending their school day and what they are permitted to bring with them.

There have been some queries over the last couple of weeks so hopefully the following will be helpful:

- PE Kits - Please do not send your child's PE kit into school as you normally would. The class teachers will let you know which day your child has PE and they will need to come to school already in their PE kit on that day. They will stay in the PE kit all day so they do not need to bring school uniforms to change into.
- Reading books - Please return any school reading books to school as soon as possible. Children may only bring the flat, red school book bag into school. Do not bring a rucksack or larger bag other than a packed lunch bag as children will need to keep all their belongings with them on their chair or desk.
- Medicines - As previously, children with inhalers should bring these back into school, clearly named, and hand them into their class teacher who will keep them safe in the classroom. Epi-pens must be carried in a small named bag and will be kept with the child. For any other medicines, please call or email the school office.
- Nut Free - A reminder that we are a nut free school so snacks and packed lunches must be nut free. This includes items such as peanut butter or chocolate spread.
- EYFS - Children in the Reception classes will be able to bring a small bag containing spare clothes that may be left in school as required.
- Buses - The school buses will be running as normal and if you are entitled to a bus pass, you should contact NYCC. Pupils do not need to wear a face mask on the school bus but should ensure that they sit with either a sibling or pupil from their own bubble only. This will be enforced by the bus company.
- Face Coverings - Please see the latest Trust Guidance below:

Face coverings and masks for Primary School Students within the STAR MAT:

In concurrence with national and WHO guidance that face coverings should not be worn by children under 12 years, we do not recommend face coverings be used by our primary aged pupils. However, we recognise that some families may request for their child to wear face coverings or masks whilst on the school site. There may be a variety of background reasons for this for example underlying health conditions, anxiety, SEND (including OCD and ASD related infection anxiety). At all times, where a family make such a request, it will be taken seriously and a timely discussion with an appropriate member of staff facilitated. The discussion will be documented in a brief individual risk assessment, and if agreed that a face covering is appropriate, this will be permitted with immediate effect and reviewed at approximately monthly intervals.

Parents and Carers on site:

It is recognised that drop-off and collection at some of our sites, whilst carefully planned, may be a point of risk for transmission for example 'school gates' in primary schools. To help protect the entire school community, parents and carers are asked to minimise the number of collecting adults. Alongside this, all adults bringing/collecting from the school site are encouraged to wear face coverings through points of flow.

- School Office - The school office will not be open to parents or visitors for the time being. If you need to speak to someone, please telephone or email.

Finally, the on-going situation is new to all of us and we will need to adapt as issues crop up or guidance changes. Please do alert us to anything that you think could be done differently and please be patient if things take a little longer than usual. Myself and all the school staff are delighted to be welcoming children back into school and our priority is to keep everyone as safe as we can. I know you will support us in doing that.

Best wishes,

Karen Williams
Headteacher