

## Back to School Information September 2020

### What will happen when we arrive at school?

- We are operating a one way system around school– please see video for route.
- All children (except Nursery) to arrive at school between 8.40am and 9am. Children can be collected between 3.05pm and 3.15pm.
- Mrs Glynn / Mrs Ratcliffe are communicating directly with the parents / carers of our Nursery / Reception children with regards to start dates.
- Only one parent / carer to accompany children to / from school.
- Goodbyes must be said to children on the playground – parents will not enter the school building.

### How will we keep everyone safe?

- A full outline of all steps taken to ensure the safety of children, staff and parents can be found in our risk assessment (see copy on our Allanson Street Primary website / Dojo).
- Face masks can be worn by parents when dropping off / collecting children but should not be worn by children whilst in school, particularly whilst in class.
- Children are allowed to bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser to school with them but please do use your judgement when deciding if this is suitable for your child. Children will be asked to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and will be supervised doing this so further sanitisation isn't actually needed. In addition, young children are at risk of inadvertently ingesting / rubbing alcohol gel in their eyes if not supervised and with potentially 30 bottles in class at any one time, staff won't be able to supervise every child with their own supply of hand sanitiser as well as teach.

### What if a child presents with covid symptoms

- If your child exhibits any Covid symptoms, please follow the government guidelines (see posters on Dojo / Allanson Street Primary website).
- If your child exhibits any Covid symptoms in school, we will contact parents / carers immediately and look after him / her away from the other children until you arrive to take them home. Parents / carers must arrange for their child to take a Covid test and inform school of the results. (See posters on Dojo / Allanson Street website for details)

### What can / can't children bring to school?

- Children must wear correct school uniform and bring a coat, water bottle and packed lunch (if not on school dinners) all labelled with your child's name.
- Children must not bring any other items to school unless given permission by a member of staff. Permission will only be considered for medical / SEN reasons.
- Your child will be sent home with a reading book in a plastic wallet every Monday which must be returned every Friday. Books stay at home during the week.
- Class teachers will inform parents / carers of their child's P.E day. On this day, children can come to school wearing clothing appropriate for P.E. This does not need to be the school P.E kit as we don't want the children to be cold at break times or coming to / from school but must be suitable for P.E activities (i.e. no jeans / boots etc)

### How will we support you and your child?

- Despite the restrictions on parents coming into school, we're still here to support you and your children. Mrs Range and Mrs Dingsdale will be near the front entrance to school every morning should you need to speak to us about anything. Staff will be on playground doors to welcome the children and will be able to take very short messages for you but should you need to speak to a member of staff, this should be done via Dojo, email or a telephone call. If, in an emergency, you need to call into the school office, please make sure you wait until the entrance area is empty before coming inside.
- Our number one priority is ensuring that the children feel safe, happy and settled back in school. Although the children are in 'bubbles', these are the same classes that they were in last year so they will be with their friends every day.
- Despite our joint best efforts with home learning, the children will have missed a lot of learning in the 6 months they've been off school. We have every confidence that the children will 'catch up' but this will take time and will always be done with the children's well-being at the forefront of our minds.

### How we'd like you to work with us

- You have a crucial role in your child's education. Not only do they need you to read with them every night, help them practise spellings, times tables, number bonds etc, far more importantly, they need you to tell them how important it is to learn, that learning is their path to success as an adult. Right now, they also need to hear lots of reassurance from you; they need to hear that school might look a little different and at times, be organised a little differently but: they'll be surrounded by adults who think the world of them and can't wait to see them; they'll get lots of chances to play with their friends; they'll still be able to enjoy their favourite lessons whether that's maths, P.E, science, art.... and the work won't be 'too hard' but when they do find it challenging, there will be lots of help at hand.
- Please make sure you complete the survey which was shared via text and on Dojo so that we can help your child to make the very best start to the school year.
- Please make sure you have the Class Dojo app on your phone and know how to use it. We are going to be using this as our first port of call to keep you updated of any new information. If you're struggling with this, please speak to Mrs Dingsdale at the beginning / end of the day.
- We're going to use Dojo to keep you updated on your child's time in school – this will be done via a daily post by your child's class teacher. We'd love to be able to share images of what the children are getting up to but first we need your permission to share your child's image. Class Dojo is a closed site that can only be connected via an invite. This means that only those parents connected to your child's year group can see anything shared on the class page. We trust our parents not to take images / videos from our pages and share them more widely. If this occurred, we would speak to parents and consider removing them from our Class Dojo account. With this in mind, we consider it a very safe way to share photos etc of your children. **Therefore, if you are happy for staff in school to share photos of your child on Class Dojo please send your child's class teacher a quick message on Dojo to let them know.**

- I think that's everything!! However, if after reading all of the above and watching the video produced by your child's class teacher, you have any unanswered questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either me or your child's class teacher.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday.