



## Tackley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

### Return to school September 2020

I wanted to confirm our planning for September, and the return to school of all children full time. Planning for a September return is not without challenge, and I have once again been grateful for all of our staff's hard work and flexibility supporting the planning process. The arrangements for returning to school detailed below assume that the country is operating as it is now and there are no local lockdowns or further changes to the level of risk. For those parents who would like to read the guidance in full it can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

#### Beginning and end of the school day

We will continue to operate a staggered start at the beginning of the school day. This is to reduce the number of children in the shared cloakroom areas – particularly for Rousham and Harborne classes.

Parents will need to continue to drop off at the school gate and will not be allowed into the school grounds. This is to minimise the number of people on site and ensure we keep all of our school community safe.

Children in Nursery and Reception are to be dropped off at the school gate in St Johns Road (old pre-school entrance) and all other year groups will drop their children off at the gate onto the playground. Children should arrive at the following times:

8:30	Medcroft Class	Nursery and Reception
8:30	Harborne Class	Year 3 and 4
8:40	Nethercote Class	Year 1 and 2
8:40	Rousham Class	Year 5 and 6

When children arrive they will go straight to their classrooms. We know that some parents will have children at two different gates to drop off and two different start points. Can I request that parents ensure their arrival time at school coincides with drop off times to avoid any waiting around.

We ask parents and children to respect social distancing whilst waiting on the hard standing area outside of the gate.

Children in EYFS will be collected at 2:55 from the St Johns Road gate and all other children will finish at 3:00 and be collected from the playground gate.

#### Class groupings

Children will stay within their class groups throughout the day. This will include at lunchtimes and breaktimes. Staff will be able to move between the groups, and are encouraged to maintain 2m social distancing from children where possible.



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Lunchtimes will operate on a rota system with EYFS and Key Stage One eating lunch in the first sitting in the hall at 11:45. When they have finished their lunch they will return to their classroom for indoor play and then go outside to play from 12:15 – 12:45 .

Key Stage Two will be in the second sitting, going outside to play at 11:45 – 12:15 and then going in to the Hall to eat at 12:15.

Children will eat on tables with their class groups and the tables will be sanitised between each of the sittings.

### **Curriculum**

We will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum to all children. During the first term there will be a focus on Personal, Social and Health Education including our “Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds” PSHE topics which were not taught during the Summer term. Teachers will be informally assessing children as they return to school and planning to teach any gaps in learning throughout the Autumn term. Children will not be sitting any formal assessments during the first half of the Autumn term.

### **Collective Worship and Assembly**

There will be no collective worship or assembly in mixed age groups in the Hall as we have previously done. Collective worship will take place in classes. There will be no Celebration Assembly on Fridays for parents to attend.

### **After School Club**

After School Club run by Oxford Active will continue running from 3:00 – 5:30 from a Monday to a Thursday each week.

### **Visitors and Sports Coaches**

We will continue to minimise visitors to the site during the school day as much as is possible. Club Energy who previously provided our sports coaching to children on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon will not be working with us for the Autumn term. PE will be taught in classes by school staff and will focus on fitness initially for the first half term to avoid equipment sharing. This will be reviewed in line with updated guidance. No classes will be swimming for the Autumn term.

### **Equipment**

Children will be able to bring bags and book bags into school from September. We are asking children not to bring pencil cases into school, we will provide all equipment needed during the school day for learning. Please can we request that children do not bring toys from home into school also.

### **Illness and procedures**

The guidance from the Department for Education makes clear that it is essential that schools “minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who COVID-19 symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.”

Parents are **not** to send their child to school if they show any symptoms of COVID-19, or are living in a household with someone who displays symptoms of COVID-19. You will need to inform school of this when you report your child's absence. This needs to be before 9:00am on the first day of absence.

It is essential that we are able to contact you promptly in the school day should your child become unwell so please ensure that the school office have all up to date contact numbers.

This list is not exhaustive and I hope covers most of the information you will need to know before school starts in September. If you have any questions about arrangements for September, please speak to me in the morning at the gate or email via the school office [office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk)

I hope you have a restful and peaceful Summer break.

Mrs L Murrey  
Headteacher