

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### September Wider Opening - Provisional Plans Year 1 to Year 6

We are putting together plans for wider opening in September, **however** this is very much dependent on:

- Government guidelines;
- the rate of infection;
- the outcome from the MAT Directors meeting in late August.

If it is deemed that we are safe to fully re-open in September we will communicate this via Twitter and the school's website. A safe re-opening can only happen if we manage to avoid large numbers of staff, pupils and parents being in one place at one time. Therefore, to ease initial congestion in the first week back in September, we have decided to stagger pupils' start dates. This is to help parents and pupils familiarise themselves with the class entrances and exits, and the measures that have been put in place to keep the risk low in terms of contracting COVID. This may mean that siblings have different start dates and we apologise in advance for this. However, by giving you early notice we hope that you can have time to manage childcare.

#### Staggered start dates (dependent on Government guidelines, 'R' Rate and Directors Decision)

Date	Year Groups to arrive at school	Time	Entrance and Exit gate
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y5 & Y6	8.45am start 3.05pm pick up	Y5 Brierwood Gate Y6 Stott Lane
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1, Y2	8.55am start 3.15pm pick up	Y1 Stott Lane Y2 Ainsworth Lane
	Y5, Y6	8.45am start 3.05pm pick up	Y5 Brierwood Gate Y6 Stott Lane
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Y1, Y2, Y3	8.55am start 3.15pm pick up	Y1 Stott Lane Y2 Ainsworth Lane Y3 Brierwood Gate
	Y4, Y5, Y6	8.45am start 3.05pm pick up	Y4 Ainsworth Lane Y5 Brierwood Gate Y6 Stott Lane

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*A separate letter will be distributed to communicate the start dates for Nursery and Reception pupils to best support a smooth transition.*

To support social distancing, the gates will not be open to allow everyone to congregate at the beginning and end of the day on the yard; instead, pupils will be collected from their designated gate at the specified time by staff and escorted into school. We also request that parents **do not** enter the school site or buildings; staff will supervise pupils to ensure they know where to hang coats, bags etc. To ensure that we do not have large gatherings around the school gates we ask that only one adult accompanies your child/children to school and that **everyone arrives promptly** at their specified time to minimise risks. At the end of the day, pupils will be escorted to the same specified gate at the specified collection time.

To ensure safeguarding, the school gates will close at 9:10am promptly. Children arriving after this time **must** be signed in at the school office and **social distancing must** be observed.

**We must reiterate that all children are required, by law, to return to school in September and therefore attendance will be monitored and action taken where necessary for any unauthorised absence.**

Once again we thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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