

Dear Parents and Carers

September and back to school

Firstly – we are excited and eager to see you all come back and enjoy school and enjoy learning again! Please can you discuss the information below with your child to help them prepare to return to school

To keep you safe – the following things will be in place.

- You will be in your own class- groups will still go for phonics, small group learning etc
- Your table will be placed in rows so you can see the teacher – everyone will face forward. This might feel strange if you are used to working in groups (younger children sitting on the carpet will also face forward rather than sitting in a circle.)
- You will have your own pencil and exercise books but we will share resources and equipment. We will clean equipment after use.
- We will have two cleaners one in each building working during the day to keep everything including toilets extra clean
- We will ask you to clean your hands when you come into school, after break, before and after lunch and maybe even more!
- If you sneeze there will be plenty of tissues- please sneeze into a tissue, wipe your nose and then put it in the bin and clean your hands.
- You may start and finish at a slightly different time from usual – this is make collection/drop off times less busy
- There will be different entrances and routes to follow around school depending on which class you are in – please follow the times and routes.
- We are asking parents not to say to children –‘I’ll meet you down the drive’ – the drive cannot be a waiting place- it needs to be free for people to walk up and down- meet children from the north building in the north playground- where you can wait and distance from everyone else
- You will need to wear your school uniform
- You will do PE and where possible we will go outdoors- there will be no contact sports.
- On days you do PE we will ask you to come to school wearing your kit instead of uniform (ks 1 only)
- Breakfast club will be available
- After school clubs will not restart to begin with – this will be later in term
- We won’t be going out on any school trips in the autumn term – we may walk around Withernsea but we won’t be travelling by coach.
- We will teach you all your usual lessons but also build in some extra practice for reading, writing and maths to help you catch up with anything you missed- please do lots of reading at home as well to help you make even greater progress.
- We will have very few visitors in school and keep a carefully record, sadly your parents can’t come into school yet. If they need to see us- we can chat outside or by telephone. Everyone visiting school will need an appointment and to follow the risk assessments we have in place.

- Tuck for years 3- 6 will be in classrooms and will have a different menu until we get back to normal
- You will play out at break with your year group
- Older children will be asked to keep distances and not to touch staff – so sorry no High fives or hugs for a while – one day we will get back to normal
- We know younger children would find this too difficult and we don't have that expectation
- Your teacher will stand at the front of the class more than usual but will still help you with your learning and give you feedback
- We won't have assemblies or gather as large groups and this term we won't be able to do Christmas concerts or activity mornings.
- You can bring your book bag to school, hats, coats, lunch boxes etc.
- If you feel poorly at school you must tell us- we may take your temperature, we will move you out of class and look after you – we will put on aprons etc to do this
- Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details and if we ask you to collect your child if they are ill please do so as quickly as possible.
- We will ask you to take a covid test and share the result with us so we can take the action we need to take .
- If someone tests positive for covid 19 we will contact public health England and follow the most up to date guidance this will include who to let know and follow up tracking and tracing
- If we have to shut a section of school down- we will have home learning lessons ready and you will need to do them
- Lunchtimes – we will have hot dinners. You can still chose daily whether to stay packed lunch, hot dinner or go home. We will eat dinners in the hall – but in phases and each year group will have a designated area of the hall. We will clean the hall in between groups so dinner times will be abit different and different phases will not mix together
- If you are nervous about coming back- do let us know so we can support you.
- If you have any questions please dojo your teacher and we will get back to you- if lots of people have the same question we will do a dojo message to everyone

There is a lot to take in here – so it is worth revisiting this and going over it before we come back in September.

We don't want people to worry but we do understand coming back is going to be a 'bigger event' than normal and we want to do our best to help and support you and we can all work together to make 2020- 21 a really successful academic year.