

Parent Information re school opening – September 2021

Dear Parents

We hope everybody has had time to enjoy the break and change of routines. Over the past few weeks we have been organising the school in preparation for opening. With high numbers of COVID cases in our locality we have been thinking carefully about arrangements.

Hopefully the following information will answer most of your questions but we will also send out a newsletter next week with further information and dates.

We are following the guidance set and will be continuing with an additional lunch time clean and all surfaces will be wiped after sessions as well. Doors and windows will be open as often as possible and outside spaces used when appropriate. We will be supervising regular handwashing and reminding children to catch it bin it kill it.

Should a member of your family display symptoms we ask that a PCR test is booked immediately and if a positive test is confirmed that person should isolate. Daily lateral flow tests are needed for other house hold members but they should continue to attend school unless they have symptoms or a positive test.

We will be holding more whole school assemblies but will also use outside when appropriate.

Should we have several confirmed cases then we will return to stricter bubbles but the latest guidance recommends that this only happens if public health advise us to do so.

As you can imagine our arrangements for drop off and pick up last year needed many staff and some children doing a long day so we want to keep some of the positives but minimise the time lost etc so we are going to try an interim arrangement with drop offs in the morning. Those of you who know what we do in snow when we do meet and greet from the top car park will know what I am going to suggest looks like. From September 7th there is the opportunity to drop off at 7.45am onwards children should go in through the main entrance only and must go up to the ICT suite immediately. At 8am a reading room will also be started and children will go to one or the other.

From 8.30 the meet and greet for all year groups will start in the bus bay in top car park except for EYFS will start and children will go in through the main door. As soon as your child has left the car we ask you to leave the car park so we keep the traffic moving. This should work in the mornings as children will be arriving from 7.45 onwards this reducing the numbers at once. On entry children will continue to be directed to wash their hands. With a drop off and leave we are minimising risk by not having any additional adults on site in the mornings during this transition entry time. EYFS children will be driven directly to the bottom playground-parents do not need to be directed through top car park. Staff from EYFS will meet them there and take them into the classroom. On the first day we ask you to park in a way that we can get all parents into the bottom car park and then remove cars easily so that a first day photo can be taken if you so wish.

We will evaluate this approach after the first few days and inform you of any changes we feel are needed. Prefects will be appointed to help younger children to their rooms when in the building.

In the evenings we will go back to our old arrangements and the bottom carpark gate will be unlocked at 3.10. Children will be collected from the different doors as before. We are asking for masks to be worn initially due to high numbers in our locality. Please do consider parking in the village or in the bottom road and walking through the nature area. Code available from office. This will minimise congestion as we return to some normality.

Doors are below.

Reception-Far end of The Twallin Building (The Qube)

Year one by bottom of the stairs at side of school (back entrance)

Year 3 from bottom of slope

Year 2 from top of slope

Year 4 and 5 from lost property door

Year 6 from front of Twallin Building

The older children will meet their younger siblings at their door

The member of staff will accompany the children to the door. If your child is to walk home on their own please inform the office in an email so a register can be made and the class staff informed.

Clubs will be starting the week of September 13th a link to the booking site will be sent on Tuesday with the first newsletter. We are excited to be able to return to a full programme. In the first week we will provide cover to those who need it through home work and activities. Children will need to be collected at 4.30pm. Please email admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk if you need your child to be included in numbers.