



2nd September 2020

Parents/Carers,

It has been fantastic to have our pupils back in school, welcome the Year 5 pupils and any other pupils new to the school. I'd like thank you for your overwhelming support with the wearing of face masks/coverings in school today. It has certainly helped us to keep our staff and children as safe as possible.

It has been an extremely busy first day back, and one very different to the usual first day of term. Therefore, please bear with us if you have contacted the school and we have not managed to get back to you. We will try to get back to you as soon as possible. We are immensely proud of our pupils and the way they have adapted to these strange and different circumstances today. They are a credit to you. We are continuing to develop our plans and procedures in order to ensure your child and our staff are as safe as possible; therefore, please continue to bear with us. The support and patience the pupils and their families are showing as we are implementing these changes is greatly appreciated.

A number of parents have asked for clarification about what to do if their child is displaying symptoms. We ask that you consult the latest guidance on the symptoms here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#people-who-develop-symptoms-of-coronavirus> . To aid the prevention, pupils must not come in to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days.

We ask that you check the guidance before you make any decision to send your child to school or when considering a test. Please understand that if we feel that a pupil is presenting any of the symptoms as per the guidance, then we may have to contact you to discuss the next best steps for your child.

Lunchtimes

Due to the need to keep year groups in their year group bubbles, we have a tight schedule in place for lunchtimes. Please help us to encourage your child to eat their lunch as promptly as they can. We will be doing the same so that all year groups can have their lunch as soon as possible. Please remind your child that they can only enter the dining hall once; therefore, they must buy everything that they want then. They will not be allowed to return into the dining hall after their designated slot. **Please also remember we have a pupil in school with a serious nut allergy. Therefore, please avoid sending in any products which contain nuts or traces of nuts.**

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Start times

To ease congestion in the morning, please follow our request **of Year 5 and 6 pupils entering school via the top gates by the barrier** and **Year 7 and 8 pupils entering by the bottom gate**. Here is a reminder of the drop off and pick up times:

Drop off time	Year group	Year Group	End time
8.35am	Year 6	Year 8	3.31pm
8.40am	Year 7	Year 7	3.34pm
8.45am	Year 5	Year 6	3.37pm
8.50am	Year 8	Year 5	3.40pm

We would also like to thank you for the support that you have shown with the uniform; particularly the change in style of skirt. It was fantastic to see our pupils looking so smart on their first day. Pupils will be lining up a lot more out on the yard due to the restrictions so please make sure they have a suitable coat in the instance of bad weather.

We will endeavour to develop our procedures and systems as time progresses if necessary and balance this with the need to ensure pupils feel safe and happy in school. Pupils have been completing activities in their author groups on well-being and recovery today and will spend more time on this during the rest of the week.

Kind Regards

S Fryer and the Churnet View Team



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