BACK TO SCHOOL

Hooray! We are excited and we hope you are too but there are a few changes that we have had to make because of the virus Covid-19 (Coronavirus). We thought we should share them with you so that you are aware how things might look different. The staff at school have been very busy following advice from the scientists about how we can try and make school safe and to try and stop any of



The advice from scientists is that we need to reduce our social interactions with different people....so when we are at school we will be in our classroom groups that are called bubbles and separate from the other classes in school. This means we can mix with each other but not with other children and adults in school. Therefore we will be having different break and lunch times and will not be having whole school assemblies.

In the classroom, we will be sitting at tables which are all facing the front.



We will be using the toilets in the corridor opposite the library.



We will need to sit at our own desks when we are in the classroom; you won't need to move around the room as you will keep everything you need (books and resources) on your tables.

You will only need a small pencil case from home that will stay in school in your drawer – you will need a pencil, rubber, sharpener and if possible a black Frixion pen. We have sets of colouring pencils, glue, scissors, books, paper and all of the things you need to help you learn. I know normally we share, but at the moment we need to try to share less.

Your drawers will kept in the corridor outside the classroom where you will keep all your books and pencil case.





There will be an outside space for each class bubble to use during break, lunch and P.E.

Pearl and Amethyst will be outside at the same time (10.45am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm) so you can see each other but you have to stay in your bubble zone. There are markings across the playground and field splitting the area in half. Your packed lunch (or school dinner) will be eaten in the classroom.



You will have equipment just for the class that you can use to play with each other outside. We will wash our hands when we go out and when we come in.



Don't forget a snack for morning break as there will be no toastremember it must be healthy and not nuts!





Scientists have said that washing hands is one of the best ways to stop the spread of the virus, therefore we will be doing it regularly through out the day!



There is a one way system at the front on the school marked with arrows. You will come in at at the goose gate. So there are less people on the school site at one time, classes will be starting and finishing school at different times. It is important that we all **arrive on time** and follow the one way system to come into school. Please don't arrive early or late (this is to avoid mixing between bubbles).

We will be starting school at **9.15am** and you will be coming in through the **main playground gate** where Miss Edgar or Mrs Mac will meet you. You will then come through the outside classroom door and sanitise your hands.

Before you go into the corridor, you will need to look at the whiteboard so you know what you will need for the first session.



When you go into the corridor, you will need to hang up your coat and put your lunchbox on the trolley as quickly as you can before taking the things you will need from your drawer.

Once you've got everything you need for the first session, you'll need to find your seat in the classroom and begin the morning challenge.



Your pegs are already labelled.





There will be name cards in each space so you'll know where to sit. We will changing the learning buddies and tables each week.

You are going to be wearing school uniform as usual but on PE days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) please come to school in your P.E kit.

Please bring:

- Water bottle
- Coat (depending on the weather)
- Sun hat (depending on the weather)
- A SMALL pencil case with pencil, pen, rubber and sharpener in that can be left at school in your drawer. The simple plastic zip ones are the best.
- Lunchbox
- Reading book which can be changed on Fridays if you have finished it.



Oh I forgot, bring..... your smile and sense of humour!



It is going to be really exciting to see each other but it is essential that we try as much as possible to keep our distance.



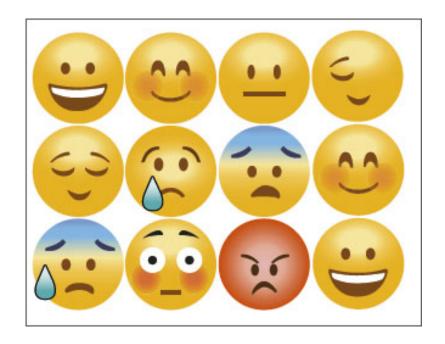


virtual hug



heart sign

You have been at home with your family for a long time now so you might have lots of mixed feelings inside about coming back to school. We will talk about this and there will be opportunities to reflect on some of the unusual events of the past months as well as getting starting on our exciting new learning.



We can't wait to see you all soon!

Miss Edgar and Mrs McAleese