



St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School

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Regarding arrangements for this academic year

Dear parents and carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday morning.

After meeting with staff, I have decided that in the interests of safety we will be following the same procedures as we did at the end of last term, keeping to Bubbles as much as possible, staggering break times and lunchtimes and requesting that **parents/carers wear a mask on the school grounds and continue to social distance**. We will keep our procedures under review as the week's progress.

Entry and exits will also remain the same for the classrooms and the trickle in system, rather than lining up together on the playground in the morning.

Gates and doors will open at the later time of 8.40am – so please plan your journey and avoid congregating at the gates and on the playground before they are open.

Please note the door opening times and end of school day times for each year group, as these are different to this year.

Nursery children will be based in the current reception classroom and will enter via the cloakroom corridor when the doors open at **8.45am**. Pick up will be from the same door at **11.45am**.

Reception children will be having the current nursery base as their classroom and will enter and exit from the back playground door when the doors open at **8.40am**. Home time collection will be **3.15pm**.

Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to use the classroom doors directly out on the front playground. Doors will open at **8.40am** and home time will be **3.15pm**.

Years 3 and 4 will continue to use the main corridor from the back playground and doors will open at **8.40am**. Home time will be **3.20pm**.

Years 5 and 6 will continue to use the door opposite the school office when doors open at **8.40am** and home time will be **3.20pm**.

Children should wear their **PE kit on days they have PE** and the PE kit must be

White t-shirt with or without logo

Navy or black shorts
Black/white/grey socks Trainers or plimsolls (not with black soles)
Tracksuit in cold weather for outdoor PE

Full school uniform must be worn on non-PE days

[Click here for the details](#)

Teacher's will advise children and parents/carers which days children have PE. But on Monday 6th September all children should be in school uniform.

Testing using Lateral Flow Device Tests (LFD tests). We advise parents/carers and children to test twice weekly as the school staff do every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Kits are available from pharmacies and via the post. If you have a positive case in the household please contact the school by phone or email (if out of school hours) to admin3213@welearn365.com – we will advise on your next steps, but also book for a PCR test at a test centre.

Close contacts of children/staff who test positive. A letter will be sent by email to close contacts of positive cases. This will recommend that you book a PCR test at a test centre. However, close contacts who are under 18 or double vaccinated do not have to self-isolate. However, if we want to stop the spread in Rugby and our school, a PCR test is strongly advised.

Please do not send your child to school if they are showing symptoms of Covid-19 or are generally unwell. School has the right to refuse entry or send children home if they are ill.

If anyone in the home has symptoms of Covid-19 book a PCR test straight away, as these are more reliable than LFD tests.

Starting from next week the following classes will be going to **forest school** in the afternoons

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Wednesday

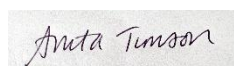
Year 4 - Thursday

Please send kit, including wellies / old trainers, an old top if they want to change and a jacket in a bag to change into.

Starting on Monday 6th September year 6 will be going for swimming lessons at Rugby School's swimming pool. They will be walking there and back, so please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather and bring their swimming kit.

Thank you for your continued support over the last, turbulent, 18 months. I look forward to our on-going partnership in the new academic year.

Best wishes,



Anita Timson
Headteacher

