

Update – 3rd September 2020

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for following the guidance that we sent out regarding queueing, start and end times, bags etc. We know that it was a huge amount to take on board!

There are just a few things that we would like to reiterate in order to allow things to run slightly smoother:

1) Can all break sales money please be sent to school with your child in a named envelope. On the envelope can you please write what your child wants from the kitchen each day i.e. Monday toast, Tuesday crumpet etc. If there is nothing written on the front of the envelope, we will presume that it is toast each day. Please also write the amount enclosed and enclose the correct change.

2) If you have more than one child in school, can you please drop them off at your children's **earliest** start time and collect them at the **latest** finish time unless an alternative has been agreed with staff. This is so that the learning of all children isn't disrupted by them leaving part way through their lesson.

3) PE and Forest School timetable for this term has been published separately. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school for the half term and that Forest School kit is sent in with your child on the day it is needed.

4) If we can ask that additional bags are not brought into school as we do not have sufficient storage space in the classrooms. The aim is to keep the corridors as clear as possible and to take away the need for children to be congregating around their pegs during the day. The children only need with them as they arrive at the school gates, ready to bring into school, their reading book and planner, their lunchbox (if not having a school dinner), their drinks bottle and a snack (if not having toast/crumpet from the kitchen). This will also assist with the smooth entry into school so that we can look at amending the start times in due course. Coats will be hung on the backs of chairs in the classrooms.

5) If anyone would like a school dinner ordering (if you haven't already done so) please email the office with your child's choices for the two weeks commencing 14th September. Orders will remain in place on a rolling programme unless the office is informed otherwise – this will save time in having to reorder every 2 weeks. The menus are on the school's website.

6) After much consideration, and a meeting with the Rock It Music team, we have decided that music will take place on site rather than virtually. There will be no sharing of instruments between groups, singing will only take place outside if weather permits. The new music teacher will deliver a wide range of different indoor and outdoor lessons that are all Covid secure, with percussion and string instruments. Wind instruments will not be used.

Thank you again for all of your cooperation.

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