



Sunday 22nd August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the arrangements we made for the start of the Autumn Term will be able to go ahead. I will include the instructions again below that were also on the last newsletter of the year put on Class Dojo on July 9th.

The guidance for returning to school was updated late this week but we do not need to make any changes to what we have already decided. A new risk assessment will be loaded later today onto the school website for your information. The government has also just drawn together guidance for a Covid Outbreak Management Plan – I think they forget that Leicestershire schools return so early! We as a group of Heads in Embrace have had a short time to reflect and plan and share ideas on what this needs to look like for our schools.

In the next Class Dojo message I will send a copy of the School Covid Outbreak Contingency Plan, this will also be put on the school website later.

Instructions for the beginning of school on August 25th 2021

- Start time - the school gates will **open at 8:45 and close at 8:55** so children have 10 mins to enter the school playground and go to their cloakroom door to enter school. After 8:55 they will be late for register and children will have to enter school via the main entrance at the office.
- Once again we are asking parents to leave/encourage their child to walk from the school gate independently which they have all done brilliantly this year. New EYFS parents will be able to enter to begin with at the beginning of term. If we can naturally spread ourselves out over this time period as well then this will also continue to help with traffic congestion around the school.
- We are encouraging Year 5 & 6 to walk to and from school independently if they can and in small groups again if needed.
- The gate that you enter school can be of your choice or the closest one to your walking route.
- If you need to tell the teacher anything then please send them a message before leaving to come to school on Class Dojo preferably, or if a last minute thing please ask the member of staff on the gate to pass the message on.
- PE kit on PE days for Years 1-6 (not EYFS) – this has been a great success as we have had less bags and mess in the cloakroom, no changing time and more PE time for the children to be active! We also have a lot less uniform being lost and PE kit as well for that matter. Teachers will send a message on Class Dojo to tell you your PE days at the beginning of term. PE kits will not be required in the first 3 days.
- Playtime and Lunchtime – bubbles will not exist and children should be able to play together again across the age groups.

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- Ventilation will be taking place in classrooms with windows open and when warm enough doors as well – or classrooms will be blasted with fresh air via this method regularly during the day.
- School uniform should be worn at all times apart from on PE kit days. The weather is looking warm to begin with and if we feel as the term progresses we need the children to wrap up warmer we will write again with what extra layers can be worn over their uniform in the classroom.
- End of the day – **EYFS children will finish at 3:10 and all the other children at 3:15.**
- Year 2 will go back to coming out round the back of the building.
- Year 1 & 2 parents are to wait on the slabs at the back,.
- Year 3&4 parents are to wait on the top part of the playground and round near the side of the building.
- Year 5 & 6 we would once again encourage to walk home in small groups if at all possible. This made the Year 5 & 6 children much more independent last year.
- Please wear a face mask at drop off or pick up if you wish to do so – staff may choose this option too, especially if they need to have a close word with you. The advice still from the government is for hands, face, space and ventilation.
- We will be encouraging hand washing, the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it regime’ and will be having extra cleaning of high touch points during the school day still.
- Staff will still be testing twice a week with LFD tests at least until the end of September.
- Please communicate with the office wherever possible via Class Dojo to Mrs Hood, via e mail to admin@huncote.embracemat.org or by telephone 0116 2864105 to avoid long queues at the outer office window. If you do still need to come to the office please be considerate and wear a mask or keep your distance.
- Years 3-6 can once again bring in their own colouring pencils in a small enough case to fit in their trays.

Thank you once again for all your support in the arrangements we put in place.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Cumberlidge'.

Rachel Cumberlidge
Head teacher