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Newsletter

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The return of Reception children

We are looking forward to welcoming back children in Reception next week. Look out for staff in Hi-Viz jackets and signs directing you around the site. Parents of Reception children have a slightly different route than other parents, so please look out for the signs.

Beginning 22nd June

Key Worker groups, Year 1 (Group 2), Year 6 (Group 2) and Reception (Group 2)

Beginning 29th June

Key Worker Groups, Year 1 (Group 1), Year 6 (Group 1) and Reception (Group 1)

Beginning 6th July

Key Worker groups, Year 1 (Group 2), Year 6 (Group 2) and Reception (Group 2)

Beginning 13th July

Key Worker Groups, Year 1 (Group 1), Year 6 (Group 1)* and Reception (Group 1)

Key Worker Groups

These are now virtually full and we are sorry that we do not have any further capacity in terms of staff or rooms to increase our numbers.

With Reception groups back in next week, we will be catering for 210 children each day.

Years 2-5

Having now 14 groups in school and all teachers allocated, we can now outline a few changes to the work provided for Years 2-5 and how children will be able to stay in touch with their class teachers in the weeks ahead.

Weekly Remote Meetings with class teachers. Details for how to access these will come to you via DoJo. It will be an

opportunity to touch base, undertake a little challenge and see each other. There will be two members of staff in school who will meet with children remotely. We are working to ensure that there are no clashes with siblings.

Foundation Subjects. As well as the work posted for maths and English during the week, parents may want to make further use of the Oak Academy Resources.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Topics may not relate directly with our own curriculum, but there are a range of resources that are engaging and appropriate for each year group.

Projects: Teachers will also be developing weekly projects that will allow children to undertake work on a topic they are interested in.

We hope that all of these will support your child through this difficult period. Use as much or as little as you feel appropriate, but we would urge everyone to engage with reading as much and as widely as possible.

School Uniform

Please read the attached information guide from School Togs. We would suggest you read and make the necessary appointments as soon as possible.

Change to Staffing

Please be aware that Key Group G will be taken by Mr Jones, with Mr Hoyle remaining in Key Group B. Mrs Howard will also be in Reception for the early part of the week, instead of Mrs Pearman. However, Mrs Minett will be in the classroom as well and she is a familiar face to the children. Mrs Dodwell will be in Ash for the second half of the week.



Thank you

A big thank you to Dundry Nurseries for their kind donation of various plants that have been planted around the school by the children. A special thank you to Mr Guest for organising this. If you have any seedlings or plants that you can donate, we would love to have them so that more children can enjoy gardening.



Snacktime

We are currently not receiving deliveries of fruit for the younger children, so if you would like your child to have a mid morning snack, please feel free to send one in. We would ask that it is a piece of fruit rather than a chocolate bar. Thank you.

Year 6 Hoodies

These are being given out on Friday and next Monday. However, can we remind parents that it is an expectation that children have their clothes washed each day after school to minimise the risk of any transmission of the virus.

One Way System

Thank you to everyone for abiding to the one way system around school, especially when it is pouring with rain!

Free School Meals (FSM)

FSM are different from UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) and the government's recent announcement about meal vouchers throughout the summer holidays has caused some confusion.

All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to UIFSM, but only some children, whose parents have applied for FSM will be able to have the vouchers over the summer. Just because your child may be

in these three year groups, does not automatically qualify them for the food vouchers. If you would like further details about how you may be entitled to the vouchers, go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Keeping Fit

The second Countywide Gloucestershire Virtual School Games - Challenge; Go The Distance has been launched!

Basically, as a family or individuals, I want you to record the total number of kilometres your family members walk, cycle, scoot or ride starting on Saturday 20th June and finishing on Thursday 25th.

If you can let me know your total by 5 pm on Thursday 25th that would be brilliant. Thank you.

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Keep safe. Keep fit.

Mr Hoyle

Frequently Asked Questions

If my child is in a Key Worker Group, but their Year Group then starts, can they swap groups?

At the moment, our guidance from the Government is such that this would not be possible. However, the Government is **constantly** changing their advice, so this may change, although there is no guarantee.

What happens if I am late in getting my child to school or I forget to give them their lunch or water bottle?



Unfortunately we are restricting movement in an out of school, so it is not possible for you to drop any items off throughout the day or to arrive outside the allocated times.

Can I book my child into Woodpeckers?

At the present time we are unable to offer any additional places. Those who have been using Woodpeckers may continue to do so.

What is happening on Friday Afternoons?

Children in the Key Groups can be in school full-time for all 5 days. However, when the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children do start in the classes, they will finish at the following times.

Reception: 12noon

Year 1: 12.15pm

Year 6 12.30pm

Friday afternoons will be used by the school to clean, reset and plan for the following week. Children will need collecting from 12 in the same staggered way as they would be on a full day.

Key Worker children **may** also do a half day on a Friday and so can either be picked up between **12.00** and **12.30**, or at **3.15**.

This will be in the usual way from Britannia Way.

Please do not come to the front entrance to pick up at other times during the afternoon.



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