

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to school!

As indicated in yesterday's Parentmail, please find below arrangements for the children's return on **Monday 6th September** and other information relating to COVID.

Thought of the week:

'There are two primary choices in life; to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them'. **(Denis Waitley)**

Monday 6th September 2021 – First Day for Pupils

Nursery start time-8.30am for identified pupils only

Reception– Year 6 –start time: 8.45am

Finish times– Reception:11.45am (1.45pm on Tuesday)

Year 1-3: 3pm

Year 4-6: 3.15pm

Please note, apart from new pupils in Nursery, Reception and across the school, all other pupils will make their way to their relevant staircase and straight to class. Parents are encouraged to leave their child in Year 1-6 at the school gates, where staff will be in attendance, in order to keep numbers low on the school premises.

If you are not sure where to go, staff will be able to assist you. Staff on door duties will also be holding up signs for Year groups to direct you.

I would encourage you all to communicate this to your child prior to their arrival on Monday. Please also avoid crowding the school lobby, but instead use emails or phone the school, if you require assistance.

COVID Update

We will continue to adhere to certain aspects for safety reasons such as good ventilation, regular cleaning, hand washing, children continuing to come in their PE kits on PE days, use of Microsoft teams for parent meetings, limiting the numbers of parents and visitors in school, avoiding large gatherings etc. Regular testing for staff will also continue twice weekly.

If we suspect that a child has COVID symptoms, we will isolate them and contact the parents/carers

and advise close monitoring and testing.

You will be notified of your child's PE days in due course.

What will be changed includes the following:

- We will not implement the bubble arrangements.
- Positive cases will **only** be identified by NHS Test and Trace; only the affected child or adult will self-isolate.
- Close contacts will be required to do a PCR and will be encouraged daily tests and will also be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- Parents and carers will not be required to wear face coverings outside, unless the guidance changes. However, within the building, we will continue with this practice.
- Staff and adults on site will be encouraged to wear face coverings or visors in small spaces and for lengthy meetings, unless they are exempt.

As always, I will rely on your support to ensure we work together to keep us all safe as COVID has not gone away, only the restrictions have.

Any changes to guidance will continue to be communicated.

Universal Free School Meals

Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. However, families on low income (less than £15,000) still need to apply for free school meals, so that the school continues to receive the funding to pay for these and for other little extras.

If you require any further information on this, please contact the school office and speak to Linda Doyley.

Breakfast and After School Club Childcare

For working parents, we have a **limited availability** at a cost of **£12** per day for a place at this club.

If you are interested, please contact the school office for the information pack and the admission form.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Uniform:

At Cranbrook, pupils are expected to wear full uniform when participating in learning and at all school events both within and outside of the normal school day (unless stipulated by the school). We believe wearing uniform helps children to develop a strong group identity and a sense of loyalty to their school, as well as encouraging a pride in their appearance. Working with parents, carers and guardians we aim to ensure that all children arrive to school appropriately dressed for safety and weather conditions.

Girls

Jade round neck sweatshirt with school logo, dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers and white polo shirt (with or without school logo). In summer girls can wear a green and white check dress.

Boys

Jade round neck sweatshirt with school logo, dark grey trousers and white polo shirt (with or without school logo). In summer dark grey smart shorts can be worn. No jogger, jeans or leggings to be worn as trousers.

Nursery

As above (sweatshirt and white polo shirt) with dark grey trouser or jogging bottoms if preferred.

Footwear

Sensible flat black shoes or boots in winter – trainers, flip-flops or backless sandals or shoes are not acceptable.

Hair

Girls must wear conservative hair accessories in green, black and white without embellishments.

Children must wear dark grey socks and tights.

PE Kits

Plain crew neck t-shirt in the colour of the child's class- red, blue, yellow or green. Plain black jogging bottoms or shorts in summer and a plain black sweatshirt for colder weather. Astro Turf football trainers will be used for both indoor and outdoor PE.

Please ensure that your child has the relevant items ready for September.

Key Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021– Friday 17th December 2021

Monday 6th September-New Reception pupils in until lunchtime-11.45am

Tuesday 7th September-New Reception pupils in until after lunchtime-1.45pm

Wednesday 8th September-New Reception pupils in all day till 3pm

Wednesday 6th October-Immunisations- Reception to Year 6

Half term break-Monday 25th October 2021– Friday 29th October 2021

Christmas Break– Monday 20th December– Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022-Friday 1st April 2022

Half term break-Monday 14th February 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022

Easter break– Monday 4th April 2022– Monday 18th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022– Friday 22nd July 2022

Half term break– Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Days

1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

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