

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents / Carers of FS2 – Year 6 parents



### **Return to school – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

We hope that you have had a great summer holiday and have enjoyable plans for the final week. We cannot wait to hear all about it from the children when they return on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

We have been following all the guidance closely as it has been released over the summer holiday and it would seem that the majority of restrictions in schools have now been lifted. Whilst this is the case, we have decided to keep some of our systems in place which were introduced during COVID to ensure we keep everyone at Exeter as safe as possible.

#### **Start and finish times:**

We will be returning to our start and finish times we had before COVID:

- All gates open at 8:40am
- **All children to be in class by 8:50am**
- Gates close by 9:00am
- FS2 – Year 2 children collected at 3:15pm
- Years 3–6 collected at 3:20pm (Years 5/6 can walk home on their own if permission is given on the Gateway APP –a separate letter will be sent out).
- Gates locked by 3:30pm

Because of the staggered starts last year, parking issues were somewhat eased around the start / finish of the school day. As we are now all starting at the same time, can we please remind parents to walk into school where at all possible, and if not, park further away from school, avoiding driving up and parking on Brayford Avenue. With an increase of children and parents using the gates and surrounding pavements, everyone's safety is vital to us.

#### **Other measures still in place**

- We encourage parents to still wear masks on site at these busy times.
- Parents will not be able to enter the school building without a prior appointment.
- Children will continue to wash their hands / use sanitiser on a regular basis.
- Staggered breaks and lunches will still be in place to minimise mixing on the playground.
- Entrances to / from the site will remain the same as before:
  - The main gates at Brayford Avenue will have a two-way system, please stay to the left.
  - The Burghley Drive gate will be an entrance only gate.
  - Seaton Crescent will be an exit only gate.
- Children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days – these will be confirmed before the start of term.



## **School Meals**

If you want your child to have a school meal, these will need booking on the Kingswood website the Wednesday before e.g. for the week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> September, you will need to have ordered by midnight Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. All children in FS2 – Years 2 are entitled to a school free meal, these still need booking on the Kingswood website. [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk)

All children in Years 3-6 will need to pay for their school meal, unless they are in receipt of Pupil Premium. If you are not already in receipt of Pupil Premium please check

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> to see if you qualify. We are unable to hand out meals on the day if you have not booked your child a meal.

## **Meet your teacher**

Most of the children met their new class teacher on the last week of term. Please check your email / Dojo account before the start of the term to find out more information about your child's new class teacher and where their classroom is based.

## **COVID**

COVID is still around and we have to be mindful of this. Whilst we will not be sticking to strict bubbles from September e.g. we will be resuming assemblies in halls etc, we will still maintain the regular hand washing and well-ventilated classroom / social areas. If a child tests positive for COVID (through a PCR test) they must follow the isolation rules as stated by Public Health England. If a child tests positive, Track and Trace will now contact the parent to discuss close contacts, this will not be done through school anymore. Public Health will only contact us in cases of necessity. We must be mindful that things could change and as winter approaches, we may need to adapt our COVID plans in accordance with guidance as it comes out - these will be reviewed regularly.

We cannot wait to welcome our Exeter family back and look forward to seeing you all on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Yours Faithfully

Mr S Nicholls  
Head of School

