



MALCOLM SARGENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

RE-OPENING UPDATE

I am writing to you ahead of the start of the 2020/2021 academic year, both to welcome you to the new year and also provide some reassurance ahead of re-opening for pupils in Y1- Y6 on Thursday 3 September and our new Foundation Stage pupils the week after, on 9 September.

We are expecting all pupils to return to school, and we are building upon the arrangements we put in place at the end of the last academic year when 75%+ of our pupils successfully attended school for some significant time during the summer term. I am sure that you will appreciate that although things are not yet back to normal, the start of a new school year represents another important step on that road. School time is vital for children's **educational development, mental and physical wellbeing, social development** and to give a sense of **regular routine**.

We have put into place additional measures to reduce risk to staff and pupils, including:

- Grouping children together in consistent class groups where we can
- Limiting contact between groups
- Promoting good hygiene practices, such as regular handwashing
- Putting enhanced cleaning in place

I have attached with this letter some useful Government information for you, including a leaflet. I have also attached below a link below to a DfE dropbox website which has several very short video clips on returning to school safely which will be of interest to you. The videos are at the very end of the document, last on the page.

<https://showcase.dropbox.com/s/COVID-19-Back-to-School-Safely-content-Autumn-2020-8yzReowxp5v0L47hfhYUN>

Further detailed government advice for parents is available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

A map is also attached reminding you of the drop-off locations for your child's new class. Drop off is at the classroom fire door, direct from the playground rather than at cloakrooms.

Please help us by social distancing whenever possible, making full use of the staggered drop-off times as below, and leaving the site promptly once you have delivered your children:

	Drop off between	Register	Lessons start	Lessons end	Collection between
FS/Y1/Y3/Y5	8.35-8.50	8.50	9.00	3.05	3.05- 3.20
Y2/Y4/Y6	8.50- 9.05	9.05	9.15	3.20	3.20- 3.35

Gates will open at 8.30 & close at 3.40

Please remember none of the following services will be running until further notice:

- Sensory Circuits
- Meet & Greet Team
- Goodbye Team
- Drop Off Zone

If you wish to book your child into Breakfast Club or After-School Club from 3 September, please contact Acorn on 01780 766493 or email enquiries@acornchildcarecentre.co.uk.

Further actions which you can take to assist our school community are:

- Do not send your child into school if they are showing coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms OR someone in their household is showing symptoms
- Arranging a test if you or your child develops symptoms
- Informing your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results
- If the test is positive, follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process

It is really important that we all follow the wider public health advice and guidance including the basics of social distancing and regular hand washing.

If you have been unable to register for the new school meal system with Dolce via SchoolGrid, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can send you a new registration code. We will also be able to help you with any other issues you may be having or you can contact SchoolGrid direct on support@schoolgrid.co.uk or Dolce on customercare@dolce.co.uk. SchoolGrid manages the orders and payments on behalf of Dolce. If you are a parent with a child in FS/Y1/Y2, please remember that we will automatically order a main meal for your child every day and no action is required by you unless you wish to amend a meal or send in a packed lunch.

Finally, I know how hard it has been during this challenging time and I want to say thank you for your ongoing support. We will be providing updated guidance as the school year develops.

Yours sincerely

Mr T J Revell
Principal