

Dear Parents/Carers,

After ensuring that the school is fully prepared we are excited to welcome the children back on Monday. There have been some staff changes since last academic year and we are delighted to welcome Mr. Bourque (Y5 and Assistant Head), Miss Cooper (Y3), Miss Fitzsimon (Y2), Miss Dobbin (Y1), Mrs Hubble (Y2 and KS1 Lead) and Miss Addison (Sports Coach). All of the staff have worked incredibly hard over the summer to ensure that the school is ready and conforms to government guidelines.

These preparations mean that the school may look a little bit different.

- The corridors have markings to ensure that social distancing is maintained and the risk of passing any infection is reduced. Due to most classes using the external classroom doors, movement along the corridors will be reduced but for further protection children will be asked to follow the one-way system that is marked out clearly.



- Pupils will be encouraged not to use the toilets during lesson times so that the risk of mixing bubbles is reduced. Of course, if there is a medical need or a child needs to use the toilets they will be permitted to do so. Handwashing facilities are available on the playground and within corridors.
- Classrooms have been set out in accordance with government guidelines, with pupils facing the front. This approach is different in Reception class and Year 1 given the age of the children and their access to continuous provision for their learning.



- The playground has zones and children will be in a zone within their bubble. Please do not bring in any play equipment from home. Our new sports coach (Miss Addison) and the class teachers will be training the children on socially distanced games.

All parents should have received, via My School App, a copy of an amendment to the Behaviour Policy. It has also been added to the website. The amendment was needed in order to protect the integrity of the bubbles.



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We are expecting all children to return to school in the new school uniform, we are really looking forward to seeing how smart they look in their jumpers and ties! We have asked that on the days that pupils have P.E. that they attend school dressed in their P.E. kit. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, wherever possible these lessons will take place outside therefore children are able to wear black/dark jogging bottoms/white P.E. top and black/dark coloured tracksuit jacket/sweatshirt. We would ask that these items of clothing do not have obvious branding etc.

The P.E. days for classes are as follows –
Year 1 – Mondays (not the 7th September)
Year 2 – Fridays
Year 3 – Wednesdays
Year 4 – Fridays
Year 5 – Thursdays
Year 6 - Thursdays

As a school, we are very aware that some families are concerned about the arrangements for dropping and picking children up. All the decisions have been made with the safety of the pupils as the priority. We will continually review all the arrangements that are in our risk assessment, including those concerning entry points and times and amend where we feel it is necessary without compromising the safety of pupils and staff. There will be staff at strategic points around the site to assist where needed but we would appreciate your patience as this is a new situation for all concerned.

Can we please remind you that parents should not enter the school site unless it has been arranged with the school office. If you need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office (by email where possible ditton.office@wpat.uk) or use the class emails addresses to contact the teachers directly (please include the name of the child).

Class emails are as follows:

dittonrec@wpat.uk - Reception classes

dittony1@wpat.uk - Year 1 classes

dittony2@wpat.uk – Year 2 classes

dittony3@wpat.uk – Year 3 classes

dittony4@wpat.uk – Year 4 classes

dittony5@wpat.uk – Year 5 classes

dittony6@wpat.uk – Year 6 classes

We will do our utmost to reply within 24 - 48 hours to any emails or messages within the working week.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation,

Mrs J. Pyne

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