

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the new academic year! It will be an academic year like no other as we operate through the pandemic. When Years N, R, 1 and 6 returned in June, our safety procedures and our management of the risks worked extremely well. These have been reviewed and we are ready for your children to return on Monday. We are really excited to see them, especially the new Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 who we have not seen since March!

- The children will be operating in class bubbles of up to 30 in the same way they were operating in bubbles of 15 in June and July. They will remain in these bubbles for the whole time they are in school, including break times and lunchtimes.

Year R will operate in a year group bubble as this is more beneficial for the Early Years curriculum. Year 6 will still operate in 3 classes, Monday – Thursday.

- **School attendance is compulsory from September.**
- Pupils must only attend school if they or a member of their household do not have COVID-19 related symptoms.
- Nursery will be open 8.30 – 11.30 for the morning sessions and 12.15 – 3.15 for the afternoon session.

Year R will be 8.30 – 2.45

Phase 2 (Years 1 and 2) will be 8.35 – 2.50

Phase 3 (Years 3 and 4) will be 8.40 – 2.55

Phase 4 (Years 5 and 6) will be 8.45 – 3.00

We are **NOT** closing early on a Wednesday anymore.

- Parents/Carers can drop off to all bubbles at the earliest time if they have more than one child.
- Parents cannot pick up early. Classes will hold earlier finishing children until the later finishing sibling is released.
- We are continuing with Malins Road gate as our entrance and Steerforth Close as the exit for Years R to 6. If the gates are locked when you arrive, please come to the main front gate. Nursery parents can continue to use the Nursery gate.
- Please ensure social distancing at all times.
- Please follow all directions and signage when on site.
- Children must be brought in and picked up by one adult when they are escorted. Years 5 and 6 may walk to and from school on their own. These children cannot bring in younger brothers and sisters. Parents and staff need to keep reminding children of going straight home or straight to school.
- No face coverings or masks should be worn by pupils unless it is an emergency.
- Children will be expected to wear full uniform every day however, children can wear PE kit in on PE days (not after school club activities). Please ensure that the PE kit is school colours (black and white) and warm for the colder autumn days.

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- Cleaners are on site cleaning throughout the school day. All classrooms have cleaning kits which classroom staff use during the day.
- Children can bring nothing in apart from a lunch box (this can be any material now), book bag and a coat. They can bring PE bags if they do not wear their kit in on PE days or if they have an after school club. They cannot bring toys from home. This includes bikes and scooters for the time being.
- Parents should ensure their child takes a shower when they get home.
- Parents/carers can only come in to school if they have an appointment unless they are bringing in medication. Please use year group email address or ring and speak to LaPs, Provision team or the Senior Leadership Team.
- It is packed lunch only for this half term. We will only be providing them for Free School Meal children in KS2 and any Year R, 1 and 2 who would like them under Universal Free School Meals. Children will order daily using the menu provided by Caterlink. There will be a red and green option for each day. Lunches will be eaten in class apart from Year R.
- All children are being provided with stationary they need in their own pencil case. They will also have a new water bottle whose tops will be cleaned regularly.
- The After School Club, Flyers 'til Five will be open. Places must be booked and paid for by ringing the main office. There is a flat charge of £5.
- There are no school trips for the first half term. We will review this before the half term holiday.
- **No parent/carer cars allowed in the school car park. All children must be dropped in Malins Road. School Transport may use the car park.**

### Staffing update

We have welcomed our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Kies. She has settled in extremely well already and will be out on the playground with me in the mornings as you bring your children in.

Mrs Seal, one of our Cover Supervisors, will be leaving us on the 11<sup>th</sup> September to take up a new post as manager of a nursery and pre-school. I would like to thank her for all she has done and wish her well for the future. Mrs Griffiths will be taking over this role.

Miss Eburne will also be leaving us at the end of September to take up a very exciting Opportunity.

Next week, we are interviewing for a class TA for Year 1, a class TA to replace Mrs Griffiths and a 1 to 1 to replace Miss Eburne.

I hope this all makes sense! If you have any questions or comments, please email me on [head@fbacademy.co.uk](mailto:head@fbacademy.co.uk).

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