

4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have had a good holiday.

Some of you may know that, for the next few weeks, Mr Brown will be off school. His absence is not Covid related and whilst he is away, I have been asked to step up to be Acting Headteacher.

You will all, I am sure, have been seeing in the local and national press over the last few days, the debate about whether schools should reopen for the new term.

Please be reassured that we have a robust Risk Assessment in place within school that, we hope, mitigates risk to our whole school community. However, I have reviewed this document today to ensure that it remains robust in light of the new situation and will be working with the Trust to add any further strategies that could add an extra level of safety.

In the meantime, there are ways that we can all play our part in keeping each other and our children safe:

School Timings

At the end of last term, the decision was made to change the drop off time on the Lane site to 8.45am for all pupils. This was, of course, before we entered the current situation of increased risk.

To mitigate the risk associated with larger groups of people gathering together, **the extended drop off window will be resumed from Tuesday January 5th.**

Leyes Site

Early Years Morning Drop Off: 8.45-9.15am

Nursery Morning Session Pick Up: 11.50am

Nursery Afternoon Session Drop Off: 12.30pm

Early Years Afternoon Pick Up: 3-3.30pm

Lane Site

Drop Off: 8.45-9am

As last term, please drop off your child/children and leave the site without delay to allow for a flow of people on and off the site. Please make sure that you adhere to the one way systems on both school sites at all times, especially when dropping off or collecting bikes and scooters from the sheds on the Lane site.



Hometimes will be as follows:

Early Years - 3-3.30pm

1MT - 3pm

1/2SM - 3.15pm

2HM - 3pm

3JP - 3pm

3/4KG - 3.15pm

Years 4, 5, 5/6 and 6 will be at 3.15pm as they have their own exit door.

If you have children in a 3pm and a 3.15pm class you will be able to collect at 3pm and then wait for the 3.15pm class. Please ensure that you wait in a socially distanced way and leave the site quickly once you have collected your child/children.

Social Distancing

When on either school site, especially waiting to collect children, please ensure that you are following the social distancing guidelines of being 2m apart. We know that the new strain of Covid has a high infection rate and this social distancing will help to reduce the risk.

The school gates on both sites will be open from 8.45am. Please do not arrive, nor send the older children to school, any earlier than this. Avoiding queueing will, again, help to reduce the infection risk.

Face Coverings

Please ensure that you wear a suitable face covering at all times when on either school site. Staff may remind you to wear one and please don't be offended if they do. Please explain your valid reason for not wearing one. Again, this helps to reduce the risk of infection.

Support for Good Hygiene

As well as being vigilant for symptoms of Covid, we are also in the midst of the usual colds and coughs season. We would very much appreciate your support in our efforts to promote good hygiene and explain to your child about the importance of frequent and effective hand washing and sanitising, coughing and sneezing into the crook of their arms, not their hands, and getting rid of used tissues immediately by placing them properly in the bin (not allowing them to fall onto and stay on the floor).

Parent Hub

Please could all parents ensure that they signed up to Parent Hub. This will be our main source of communication moving forward. If anyone has any questions or issues about signing up, please do email or phone the Admin Team or see the last newsletter published on our school website.

Car Park on the Leyes Site

The car park on the Leyes site is in use on a daily basis. I would strongly urge parents and carers to enter the school site via the single black gate at the front of the building and use the 1 way system that is in place when dropping off and collecting children.

If parents or carers choose to walk across the car park and not use the 1 way system as advised, it will be at your own risk and school cannot be held liable for any accidents that occur.

Contacting the School

Please remember that access to the School Office is not permitted at this time. If you need to speak to a member of the Admin Team, please email (admin.osb@ebor.academy) or phone 01904 555606.

PE Kits

In recent months, the children have been asked to arrive in their PE kits and this has worked well in line with our Covid restrictions. Could I please remind all parents that PE kit is to be black shorts or joggers/leggings, a white t-shirt (round necked or a polo shirt) and their school jumper. Please do not allow your child to wear a hooded or other non uniform sweatshirt. This will allow us to maintain the smart appearance of our school uniform and provide a consistent approach across the whole school.

As you can imagine, we are in a fast moving, ever changing situation. I will do everything I can to ensure that our school community stays as safe as possible and I ask that you also help in that aim by following the above procedures. I will also endeavour to communicate with you all regularly and let you know quickly if and when the situation changes.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please do get in touch via the admin email and I will do my best to reply to you as soon as I can.

Best wishes



Mrs Mould
Acting Headteacher