

Welcome back!

We are so looking forward to seeing the children tomorrow but we thought it might be useful for you and your children to see the classroom and the outdoor area beforehand. It was lovely to talk to the majority of you yesterday but, and I hope that you have found the reintegration booklet useful but as there is a lot of information for you to get your heads around, I have also added some of the key pieces of information on here.

- On Thursday and Friday this week, the children will be in school from 8:50 until 1pm but they will still have their lunch with us. The children continue to be eligible for a free school meal but these do need ordering via Aspens as usual, the night before at the latest.
- As of Monday, the children will need to arrive at 8:50am and their school day will finish at 3:10pm. Mrs Eaton has done a little video showing the children where they will be dropped off and collected and this can be found on the website.
- Please can you make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.
- Please can you apply a long wearing sun cream if the weather is due to be fine before they arrive at school. They will then need to have some additional, name sun cream in their bag which they can apply at school if necessary. A spray or roll on would be ideal.
- Children should come to school in uniform and trainers.

See you all tomorrow, the Reception Team



Where possible, we will try and ensure that the children are able to access the outdoors as much as possible.



We know the children will want to spend time together but, for your reassurance, we do have things in place, such as using toys that can be easily cleaned and restricting access to the activities a maximum of 2 children to try and keep them as safe as possible. We will do our very best to try and ensure that the children distance, but children are children and their natural instinct will be to get close to each other.

Indoor learning



When we are learning inside the classroom, the children will be working in 2 separate bubbles, Team AWESOME and Team BRILLIANT. As the Reception classroom is so big, this is simply to try reduce the potential spreading of germs. Each child will have their own table so they can keep their bags, drinks bottles and belongings in one place. They will also have their own pack of learning materials with a pencil case, glue stick, white board pen, scissors etc. We want to make this a very positive change and hope that the children will feel very 'grown up' having their own bits and pieces. Please be assured that we WILL NOT be expecting the children to sit at desks all day!





Whilst we will be encouraging the children to socially distance, we want to encourage this in a safe and positive way. 'Go away, you're too close' is not the kindest of phrases, but you could understand why, in these circumstances, children might say this. Within school we will be using the phrase, 'Be careful not to step on somebody's rainbow' to remind them about social distancing. Staff and children will be able to say to each other, 'Please don't step on my rainbow' without hurting somebody's feelings.

*Don't step on
somebody's rainbow!*

We really hope that your child's return to school is a positive one and we will do all we can to ensure this is the case. We will be teaching daily Bounce Back sessions which will focus on themes such as friendship and resilience. Additional resources for parents can now be found on the school website.

It might not be as easy for us to talk on the gate as usual as it will be busy in the mornings with a number of parents waiting and the children will need supervising in the classroom. However, if you have any worries or concerns at all, please drop us an email or call the school office and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in the morning.

Mrs Donnaloia, Mrs Toms and Miss Unwin

