



School admissions 2021

A last reminder to parents that the deadline for submitting an application for a school place for a Reception child in September 2021 is this Friday (15th). If you have a child who will be old enough to start school next academic year, or you know another family who has an eligible child, then an online application form must be submitted by this date, otherwise it will be considered a late application and given the lowest priority. Application details can be found on our website.



Online and home learning

Thank you so much for your support in getting your child and children online to access our Zoom lessons provided by our teachers so far.

From the sudden announcement on Sunday 3rd, we have been trying to alter all of our plans and prepare and deliver an online distance-learning way of teaching, rather than having your children with us in school. Some changes are small, others have meant completely changing elements of our curriculum.

This is one of the reasons why we are currently sending you lesson materials on a daily basis, but we are also evaluating how well the children do each day and adjust our teaching as a result. Please remember to only print out materials sent as attachments if really required to do so – it is fine for your child to work on paper or in a note book.

We are trying to keep the timing of the online Zoom sessions the same each day, to allow you to plan your day. We have staggered these sessions, so they don't overlap (except for 1 family on one occasion on Fridays), as your family might not have more than one device available to use. A time table of the sessions for all classes is over the page.

If you haven't got a printer and require any of the resources printed out, contact our school office and they will arrange for the resource/s to be copied and you can collect it from school in normal school hours.

Also, if you require any paper for your children to write on, please let the office know and we will arrange for an exercise book to be collected from school for home use.

I am really proud of what the staff have achieved in such a short time and I wanted to share Mrs Kidman's comment about the online lessons during last week (she gave me permission to use this):

I just want to say a big thank you for the time and energy taken to do Zoom lessons, and prepare lessons for the next day, plus teaching students in school. A mammoth task, but executed beautifully. I understand the work that goes on behind the scenes for you all.

Finally, on another positive note, if the Government lifts this lockdown after the February half-term, by the end of this week you will already be 1/3 the way through the home learning.



National assessments cancelled

Due to the disruption caused to the education system, the Government has decided to cancel all national assessments. This includes the Year 6 SATs tests and Year 6 teacher assessments, the Year 1 phonics screening check, and the Year 2 teacher assessments. Year 4 will also not take part in the multiplication check that was due to take place in June this year for the very first time. I want to reassure parents, the pupils in all year groups will still receive an end of year report indicating whether they are meeting expectations in each area of the curriculum.



Zoom timetable

We have tried to come up with a timetable that allows each family to access their home device at different times if they have children in more than one class. This gets more complicated on a Friday with the addition of Mrs Clark's music lessons.

We are aiming to keep the timings of the lessons consistent for future weeks, so that you can plan your time at home.

You may have read that the Government is hoping that all children at primary school spend at least 3 hours a day completing their home learning. This is the total time on their work, not just the time they spend online accessing our lessons. If you wish for your child to complete more work, beyond what is set by our teachers, don't forget that they have access to Mathletics (please request forgotten usernames/passwords from me) and to keep reading at home (some exciting news on this soon). In addition to what we can make available, the BBC is launching lessons from today as well.

Class 1 (Monday – Friday)

10:00 am – 10:30 am

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Friday music

10:45 am – 11:25 am

Class 2 (Monday – Thursday)

11:00 am – 11:30 am

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Class 2 (Friday)

12:10 pm – 12:30 pm

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Friday music

11:30 am – 12:10 am

Class 3 (Monday – Thursday)

9:15 am – 10:00 am

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

Class 3 (Friday)

9:15 am – 9:45 am

11:00 am – 11:30 am

Friday music

9:45 am – 10:25 am



PE lessons

If your child is still attending school as a vulnerable child or you are Critical Worker, then they will need to wear their PE kit to school on a Tuesday and Wednesday.