**Reception September 2020**

* **We are very excited and pleased to welcome you and your children to our school**
* **School is very different in lots of ways in these strange times, but we aim to have things running as normally as possible! Most importantly, we want your child to feel happy and safe!**
* **We will all get the best from your child through working together in partnership**
* **Between Friday 4th September and Wednesday 9th September, you and your child will be invited to meet your child’s teacher in their classroom on a 1-1 basis. Sorry, only one parent please during this visit**
* **Summer born children will come to school on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th September from 9.00am – 2.55pm. During these two days, you will be able to come into the classroom to help them settle, before leaving.**
* **Spring born children will come to school on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September from 9.00am – 2.55pm. During these two days, you will be able to come into the classroom to help them settle, before leaving.**
* **Autumn born children will come to school on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th September from 9.00am – 2.55pm. During these two days, you will be able to come into the classroom to help them settle, before leaving**
* **On Friday 18th September all Reception children will be in school every day. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to enter the classroom now all children are in school**
* **Starting time for your child will be 9.00am**
* **Finish time for your child will be 2.55pm**
* **Children should wear school uniform to school, including black school shoes not trainers**
* **Please do not bring your child into school if they show symptoms of Corvid 19**
* **Schools are responsible for purchasing all the extra cleaning materials & resources to use during this time. If parents could please provide a pack of disinfectant wipes ( preferably bio degradable) to be used in their child’s classroom base / on door handles etc, we would be so grateful**

**Class and classroom arrangements**

* **We will take the children’s temperatures every morning**
* **Children will have the opportunity to play with children in their own classroom and the parallel Reception classroom**
* **The bubbles will be a Yeargroup bubble, although there will be times in the day when children will just be in their own classroom with their own class**
* **All soft toys, cushions have been removed from all classrooms**
* **Children will eat hot lunches / packed lunches, in their classrooms**
* **The school library will not be used by children at this time**
* **Classroom windows and doors will be left open if at all possible**
* **PHSE and games to encourage mental well being will be a focus for teachers at the start of the term**
* **Children will need their own named water bottle, which will come home with them every evening**
* **Books will be able to be taken home from the Yeargroup for children to read at home**
* **Children will need their PE kits in school in a named bag**
* **Please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day**

**Hygiene in school**

* **School will be “deep cleaned” during the Summer holiday and every half term there-after, using specialised, fogged disinfectant sprays.**
* **We will continue to ensure children wash their hands on entering school, before break time, after break time, before lunch, after lunch and before going home, after using the toilets**
* **Laptop keys and shared resources will be wiped after use during the day and at the end of the day when needed**
* **Hard/ wooden resources used, will be disinfected daily and left to dry overnight**
* **All classrooms will be cleaned every night, including tables, door handles, hard surfaces etc**
* **Door handles etc will also be wiped during the school day**
* **Children will use the toilets they normally use**
* **Staff may wear gloves, masks or transparent visors in school**

**Social Distancing**

* **Children will be able to socialise, play together and we do not wish to scare them into thinking it is wrong to do that. Close contact eg hugging will be discouraged, but building a lego model together, side by side or talking to each other, playing a game would be unrealistic to prevent**
* **We have a one way system around the exterior of school, clearly marked by yellow arrows.**
* **Arrows are down each side of the main corridor, to support children flowing freely down the corridor, yet getting to where they need to go**

**Parents**

* **Only one parent to drop off / pick up please**
* **Parents are not allowed in the school building without a pre arranged appointment, once all Reception children are in school**
* **Parents may make an appointment via the office to meet their child’s teacher, Mrs Howard or Mrs MacGregor**
* **The drop off car bay will not be open, to allow safe passage for the children and parents entering school ( Please park on the road considerately or in the layby at the bottom of Glebe Road, in the car park of the Rose and Crown)**
* **If at all possible walk to school instead of using a car**
* **Please follow the one way route, entering through the pedestrian gate by the carpark, marked by yellow arrows around the exterior of the school**

**( except for children based in the Chestnut classroom who may enter through the same entrance, but just walk down the steps to wait at a safe social distance)**

* **Social distancing tape will be on the playground outside both Reception classrooms**
* **When dropping off your child, please don’t arrive on the school site more than 5 – 10 minutes before the doors open for your child’s class**
* **Could all parents drop off / pick up their child then promptly leave the school site**
* **Please do not allow the children to play on the school field at the start or end of the school day**
* **If there is a problem, please phone the office / email the office and teachers will telephone you when they are able to**
* **Let the office know if there has been a family bereavement or difficult family circumstance during the lockdown period, so we can support your child appropriately.**