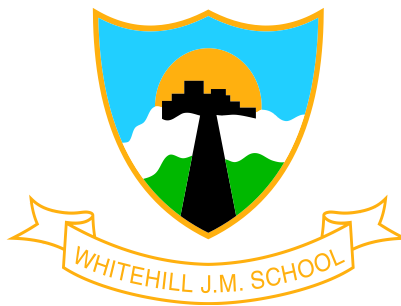


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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all ready for the start of the new academic year. The staff were in school today putting the final touches to the arrangements and they are very excited to be getting their pupils back for the first time since the middle of March. It won't be the same as other year starts but we have put together a plan for our pupils which will allow them to experience a full, broad and balanced curriculum using the guidance provided. As I have previously stated, all our arrangements will be constantly reviewed and changes shared in a timely manner.

In preparation for tomorrow, there are one or two reminders. I am sure these have all been covered previously but I have had some questions and it does no harm to have clarification.

School Uniform

We are planning on implementing our usual school uniform policy. Specifically, pupils will be required to change from outdoor to indoor shoes upon arrival to school and when going out to break and lunch. Pupils will also bring their PE kits to change into in school as opposed to wearing them to school on days they have PE. Once the timetables are finalised, you will know when your child has PE and I would encourage you to wash the kits once a week. The DfE guidance clearly states pupils **do not** need to wear clean / washed uniform each day.

The Start of the Day

For those of you who registered an interest in our early morning provision, I can confirm that this will start tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd September. Pupils can arrive from 8.00am and will need to have been fed.

For everyone else, pupils can arrive at school from 8.35am; please do not arrive any earlier. Pupils will then go straight into their classrooms through the specified doors. Senior staff will be on hand in the morning to welcome you and make sure you all know where you are going. We have extended the start time and so pupils can arrive up to 8.55am. This will hopefully help with social distancing on the playgrounds and reduce congestion around the gates. I would ask that when you have dropped your child off, you leave the playground as soon as possible. This won't be forever and I long for the day when I can chat with you again whilst I am on duty in the mornings.

End of the School Day

Thank you to those who have completed the short questionnaire telling me the collection arrangements for your child. Again, staff will be on hand at the end of the day to help direct you to the meeting points for your child's class. If we didn't receive notification from you, we will assume



your child is being collected by a parent / carer. If this is not the case, please do let me know. Lower School pupils will finish at 3.10pm and Upper School pupils at 3.20pm. Again, we ask that parents and pupils leave the site as quickly as possible at the end of the day. The play equipment is out of action after school until further notice.

Lunchtimes

Thank you for completing the lunch requests for this coming week. We will probably be asking the pupils to pick their meals for next week over the coming days. We should then be in a position to launch the new online ordering system which you will do at home with your child. If you haven't completed this form, we will check with your child in the morning; please don't panic now, they will get fed.

'All About Me' Booklet

Please would you make sure your child brings in their 'All About Me' booklet which they were given at the end of last year. This will be used over the coming days as a way of getting to know the teaching staff and also settling into the new school year.

I am really looking forward to having 240 pupils back in the school. It will feel different but we are ready to go.

See you in the morning!

Kind regards,



Steve Mills
Headteacher

