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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS –SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents,

Now the country has moved into Step 4, the government have made it clear that there is an ***'imperative to reduce the disruption to children's education.'***

We have taken account of the latest guidance and will follow the control measures within.

Our risk assessment will include a continuation of the following proportionate control measures to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19 at Two Gates:

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

We will also have in place by September an outbreak management plan.

School Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible **regularly attend school**.

****Please be advised that our arrangements are in line with current Government Guidance and may be subject to change****

School Gates will **open at 8:30am** and close at **8:45am**. Children can be dropped off between these times and will go straight to their classrooms.

Year Groups	School day times	Pick up & Drop Off Points
Nursery	15 hours- 9am-12pm 30 hours- 9am-3:10pm	Enter site via EY &KS1 gate; parents escort child to the Nursery entrance gate

Reception	Finish 3:10pm	Enter site via EY &KS1 gate; parents escort child to the reception entrance gate
Miss Milligan Y1/2 Miss Bracey Y1	Finish 3:15pm	Enter site via EY &KS1 gate; parents escort child to the KS1 entrance gate Collect from orange pen at EY & KS1 gate
Mrs Greenway Y1/2	Finish 3:15pm	Enter site via EY &KS1 gate; parents escort child to the KS1 entrance gate
KS2 (Y3-Y6)	Finish 3:20pm	KS2 playground gate

P.E. and Forest School

- You will be informed of your child's PE and Forest School days in September. Children will need to **wear their kit to school on these days.**

Whilst we have relaxed P.E. uniform regulations over the last year to support families during the pandemic, **we expect all pupils to conform to the school P.E. uniform regulations from September.**

**PE kit should include: navy/red t-shirt, navy/black joggers or shorts, navy/black jumper and suitable pumps or trainers.*

**Forest School kit should include: navy/red long-sleeved top, navy/black joggers or shorts, navy/black jumper; a warm and waterproof coat and wellies (which can be brought in a named bag).*

****Please name all clothing items clearly, so we can return any lost property to you****

- Children may bring a **small bag** to school to carry their belongings. Children **do not** need to bring pencil cases as these are provided by school in KS2 and are not required in early years and key stage 1

- Lunchtime and snack arrangements:**

Pupils in **reception, year 1 and year 2** are **entitled to a free school meal every day** under the Government's Universal Free School meal Programme. To enable efficiency and hygiene control we ask that **they take up their free school meal** and **do not bring in a packed lunch** from home.

Mrs Bonser, our school cook, is providing a child –friendly hot and cold varied menu every day



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which is available to view on our web-site. We can cater for pupils with specific dietary needs such as allergies, medical or cultural/religious requirements. ***Please complete a medical/allergy form if this applies to your child.***

Please note: You may also be **entitled to claim** for Income Based Free School Meals. This will entitle your child to receive a Free School Meal ***for the whole of their time in school*** until they leave education. This attracts additional funding for the school which is used to provide extra support for children. Please check your eligibility for Income Based Free Meals – follow this link <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

- Pupils in years 3-6 may order a hot school meal, payment can be made through Parent Pay; any pupils in year 3-6 who do not want to purchase a school meal may bring in a packed lunch from home in a small bag, please. Pupils in receipt of benefits –related free school meals in years 3-6 will be provided with a hot and cold meal option daily.
- Break time snacks should consist of **fruit or vegetables only**. In Early Years and KS1, snack is provided by school daily. **Due to allergies, we are nut free school.**
- All children should bring a **named water bottle** so that they can have regular drinks in class. These bottles should only hold **water**.

If you need to share **information** about your child, please email office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk
Alternatively you can telephone the school office on 01827 213 855

After School Club- Stripes

- If you would like to register and book your child into Stripes, please call the office for further information.
- At this time, we are not offering a Breakfast Club, however this will be reviewed early in the new term

LEARNING AND THE CURRICULUM

We hope your children enjoyed their **enhanced transition experience** with their new teachers and that they are now familiar with the class routines in readiness for September.

During the last half term we **conducted a thorough review of our Key Stage 1 and 2 Curriculum,**



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referencing the latest government guidance around **best practice in education recovery**.

Subject leaders worked together to ensure **progression in learning within subjects**; they also made **relevant learning links between subjects** and with the **quality texts** we use to deliver our reading and writing lessons in each year and key stage.

Our curriculum has been constructed to **meet the needs of our community** and make best use of our resources and surrounding area. Our school values are embedded across the whole curriculum.

The curriculum will continue to be **broad and ambitious**, with a specific focus on **reading and the development of vocabulary embedded across the curriculum, to support the building of powerful knowledge**. We will prioritise learning in English (communication, speaking and listening, phonics, and reading, comprehending writing including handwriting), Maths (arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving) Science and Physical Education. Foundation subjects will also be taught from the outset.

Our curriculum **delivery throughout school** will be focused on ensuring that teaching is **strong and purposeful** and maximises learning time. Pupils have missed a significant amount of learning since the start of the pandemic; we know that they will only make **good progress** across the curriculum and in individual subject disciplines when we build on what they already know and what they can already do. We will therefore ensure any gaps are **assessed and identified accurately and quickly** so that teachers can progress learning through well planned and targeted lessons.

Our school improvement plan for 21-22 will focus on achieving this.

We will also make strategic and effective use of our catch- up funding allocation.

As always we will be sensitive to the children's individual needs and well-being; they have been through a lot over the past two years and we know the impact of this. We will retain a **specific focus on relationships and well-being education** and pupils will be given daily opportunities to explore their feelings and voice their opinions. We will also reinforce the importance of adhering to the Covid-specific aspects of being at school through our **behaviour expectations**.

We are all very excited about launching our enhanced curriculum with the children in September. The overview will be available on our website soon.

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We hope you have a wonderful, safe summer holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone to school in September.

If you have any questions, or we can support you in any way, then please do not hesitate to contact us at office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Sincerely

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