



Verwood CofE First School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support last term your kind messages and presents, we as a staff really appreciated your kindness!

Start date

Please remember that Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 start back on Monday 7th September.

The whole school are all back on Tuesday 8th September.

As discussed before the holidays, this is to allow the year groups that were unable to return to school to have a day to settle in and learn new safety procedures.

August is moving quickly and we will soon be welcoming everyone back to school. Before we broke up, we were up to 110 pupils and found this to be manageable and safe. As we move to a whole school return with more than double the amount of children, there will be some different procedures in place and some will remain. Parents are now able to once again come onto the playground to drop their children off. We are encouraging Y4 and Y3 parents to drop their children at the gates and for them to walk round unaccompanied. There will always be a leader on the playground gate. This will increase independence and reduce the number of adults in the playground.

We continue to ask that no parents come into the school building.

Stagger times (entry and collection)

We have tweaked these very slightly over the holidays to try to reduce the busyness on the playground and campus, so please look carefully at these times not the times sent out on the last newsletter of last term. These will be reviewed every two weeks and any changes sent out in newsletters.

Entry timings

Nursery:	8.25am
Year 4:	8.30am
Year 3:	8.35am
Year 2:	8.45am
Year 1:	8.50am
Reception:	8.50am

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SCOOSC: 7.45am-8.30am – Operating from the hall, parents to wait outside the main reception area observing social distancing measures.

Nursery: 8.25am

Entrance through main gate, parents to wait outside nursery adhering to social distancing measures.

Year 4: 8.30am

Parents will be encouraged to drop their child at the main gate where there will be an adult guiding them (initially) along the marked area to their base door (Miss Tizzard's classroom). If parents feel their child is not quite ready for this then they can walk their child to the base door. Enquiries/ queries that would normally happen on the door to be emailed unless urgent.

Year 3: 8.35am

Parents will be encouraged to drop their child at the main gate where there will be an adult guiding them (initially) along the marked area to their base door (Willow base door). If parents feel their child is not quite ready for this then they can walk their child to the base door. Enquiries/ queries that would normally happen on the door to be emailed unless urgent.

Year 2: 8.45am

Entrance through main gate, following one-way system where parents will wait (1 m apart) outside the year 2 entrance.

Year 1: 8.50am

Entrance through main gate, following one-way system where parents will wait (1 m apart) outside the year 1 entrance close to the benches.

Reception: 8.50am

Entrance through main gate, following one-way system where parents will wait (1 m apart) outside the reception area close to bike rack.

All waiting areas/ collection points will be clearly demarcated as well as the one-way system. Where we will encourage social distancing when on the school grounds, we appreciate that there will be an increased number of children and parents which in some cases may make this difficult. We appreciate your support and understanding as we look to welcome all pupils back to school. We recognise that as new parents with new children you may need to stay longer in the playground.

Exit timings

Nursery: 2.30pm

As per entrance routine.

Reception: 2.30pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 1: 2.45pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 2: 2.45pm

As per entrance routine.

**Year 3: 3.00pm**

As per entrance routine.

Year 4: 3.00pm

Parents to wait in the entrance area at front of school building observing social distancing. Ash base children to exit via the hall where they will be met by parents as usual. This is an extra measure to try and reduce the number of parents on the school grounds.

SCOOSC: 2.50pm-6.00pm

Collect from outside the hall waiting in marked area just outside the school reception.

Health & Safety

I would like to point all parents to the H&S risk assessment that was completed and signed off in July. I have re looked at this during August and made slight alterations as circumstances have moved on. This will be on the website under return to school in September / Documents. It is detailed but would be worth a skim read.

Please watch the videos of the base your child is going into with your child. Hopefully seeing the teachers will reduce their obvious anxieties.

Campus safety

I will be on the gate all through the first few weeks to ensure that we get into a strong and safe habit very quickly. We do not have staff to support the safe behaviour of everyone around the campus and so we ask that you work really hard to ensure that you stay on the premises for as short a time as possible and work together to ensure adult social distancing.

Bubbles

This term we will not be putting children into current attainment sets. They will spend their time with their register teacher. The reason for this is that we are at present a little unsure of current attainment and more importantly we want to reduce the different interactions as much as possible. Within the school day the child will stay as much as possible within the class bubble, and at play times within a year bubble.

Catch up support

When we have further information about the financial support we will receive from the government to support catch up, we will give you our strategy. I imagine this to be in place over the whole of the next academic year rather than just the Autumn term.



Communication

All communication should be through email. Office@verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk

Where information is for the teacher, you can mail them directly, copying in the office please, at their individual work email address. These are all on the same pattern of teacher initial and then their surname followed by the generic ending - @verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk

So, for example, mine is aparsons@verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk

We think that this will help you feel that your information and concerns are able to be addressed quickly. Please note Linda Palmer year 3 teacher has a slightly different address due to two L Palmers!

D Luford

C Tizzard

H Snow

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L Palmer (lpalmer@verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk)/ E Brason

A Webb

O North

L Burrows

G Matthew

O Watts

Important Information to send us

We also would appreciate you sending the teachers a quick email with information about how you as a family and your child has coped with the experience of lockdown and beyond. This will help us to understand more about how your child is feeling.

Please read this newsletter in conjunction with the newsletter from July.

Year group bubbles

From September, the Government Guidance around social distancing between children in schools has been removed to enable all children to return to school. The guidance suggests that year groups can operate as one larger bubble to again allow schools to return to some normality. These year group bubbles will not mix with other bubbles within the school. Within a school day, this larger bubble of approximately 60 will be split into 2 class groups of 30 with the class teachers operating a normal school timetable for these groups. Although the social distancing measures between children has been removed, they will be encouraged to avoid physical contact with one another. This applies to break and lunch time play also. Social distancing between staff and staff and children will be operating throughout the day. During the weekly timetable, on occasions, children from different year groups may mix. If this does occur, social distancing between children will be adhered to carefully.



Lunches

This has been looked at very carefully and due to the time and people needed to serve hot lunches safely, we will only be offering a packed lunch option for those ordering lunches and those entitled to a free school meal. The packed lunch option enables year group bubbles to remain separate within their classroom. Please also be reassured that children will continue to be given sufficient time to eat their lunch. Packed lunches can be ordered from 24th August in the usual way by visiting The Chartwells Website.

Pegs/Cloakrooms

From September, children will have the use of their pegs/base cloakrooms in the usual way, therefore, book bags and PE kits can be brought into school as normal.

Kind regards

Adam Parsons
Head Teacher