



St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! We are delighted to have all the children back in school. When Mrs Levett and I saw them in their classes today it was great to see them happy to be back in school and engaging well with different activities. This term will, inevitably, be a little different to our usual Autumn terms.

I have every sympathy and understanding why some parents may not yet quite be sure about some of the ways that school will be different this term - after all the risk assessment and operational plan are, by necessity, very long and there has been a long time from when a copy was first sent out and the start of this term. Therefore, I am going to highlight some of the key practical information that parents and carers need to know and need to follow.

Entry and exit on to school site at the start and end of the day.

- One parent/carer per family, not per child, on site.
- **Arrive at allocated time, see below.** It is vital for families not to arrive before or after the allocated time.
- If there is a need to wait, then to wait 2M apart at the main gate.
- When on site, to walk 2M away from other children, parents/carers and from staff.
- Walk to their usual classroom, unless the family have been explicitly told otherwise.
- Exit the site from either the main gate or the side/back gate, into Meadow View.
- **The side/back gate, into Meadow View is only to be used for exiting the school site** – it is too narrow for two way pedestrian traffic with social distancing.
- **Families that have two or more children**, and they have different start times, **are to arrive for the earliest of the allocated start times.** These families are to first walk to the class with the earliest start time and then others in order of their start times. Staff will be in the classrooms to receive these children.

Collection of children at the end of the day

- **Children to be collected at the times**, detailed below.
- **No child will be released earlier than the time allocated** for their class/phase bubble.



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Schools have been told to have staggered start and end times. Parents and carers must support this. If parents and carers do not support this then they are increasing the risk of infection to themselves, their children and other children and parents and staff. Nobody wants that to happen.

Upper School

Classroom	5/6LS	5/6O	5/6S
Class Teachers	Miss Sowton	Miss Oxley	Miss Salmon
Arrival time	8.30 am		
Departure time	3.20 pm		

Middle School

Classroom	3/4A	3/4G	3/4T
Class Teachers	Mrs Alston	Miss Gildersleeves	Mrs Parascandolo Mrs Tibbetts
Arrival time	8.40 am		
Departure time	3.10 pm		

Lower School and Reception

Classroom	2K	1/2A	R/1 LK	RE
Class Teachers	Mrs O'Reilly	Mrs Antoniou	Mrs Rivas-Long Mrs Kirk	Miss Esparon
Arrival time	8.50 am			
Departure time	3.00 pm			

Lots of children have come into school with new pencil cases. This is lovely and we do not want to disappoint children by telling them that they can not have them in school. Equally, children should, for items they use a lot, not share equipment and, generally, not touch each other's belongings. To balance these factors **we are going to allow children, in Years 1 to 6, to have pencil cases on their desks and the contents of pencil cases are only to be used by the child to whom the pencil case belongs.** Pencil cases, and their contents, must have the child's name on them, as much as is practicable. As with all our infection control measures, we will keep this arrangement under review.

We will keep school as normal as possible for the children. This will be good for their well-being and for their education. Some things will be different. For example, we are unable to all come together in the hall for worship (assembly). As this is the case we are going to hold worship, each day, by having classes 'host' it in turn, and all other classes joining virtually. Our hope is that we can still value and enjoy this time together as a whole school. It also means that we are unable to have

I take this opportunity to thank the whole staff team. You and your children have a team of adults that have been, and continue to be, fantastic in rising to the challenges that the current pandemic has caused. It is through their hard work and commitment and your support that we will be able to keep all our school family as safe as possible whilst enabling children to learn well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell
(Headteacher)