



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a new school year. Below is some important information regarding the new school year and the latest COVID-19 guidelines.

COVID-19 Guidelines for September 2021

COVID-19 Symptoms/positive cases protocol

- If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, do not send them to school but arrange a PCR test. If the test comes back negative the child can come to school.
- Children DO NOT need to isolate if a member of the household has COVID-19. The child can come to school as normal.
- If your child displays symptoms in school, you will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately. You will be asked to book a PCR test for your child.
- If there is a positive case in school, the positive child will isolate but the other children will continue to come to school.
- If there is an outbreak in school, Public Health England will advise school as to whether a class closure is needed.

General Guidance

- In school, we will continue to ventilate rooms and ensure children wash their hands/sanitise regularly.
- The wearing of masks/social distancing is no longer required unless an outbreak occurs.
- We will resume activities such as swimming, after school clubs, trips and other events this term. More information will follow on this.
- If your child does have to isolate we will provide remote learning providing they are well enough.
- We understand that some children and parents may find this transition difficult. If you have any concerns about yourself or your child, please contact school.

School Day

The school day in September will change. We have kept a staggered closing time to ease congestion and reduce issues regarding traffic. This also means a member of SLT will be at the gates in afternoon should any parents wish to speak to them.

- **8:40:** Gates open
- **8:45:** School Day starts (children arriving after 8:50 will be considered late)
- **14:55 – 15:10:** The school day ends. Gates will open at 14:55 for parents to collect their children using the same system that is currently being used.

INSET Days

School will be closed to children on:

- Friday 17th September 2021
- Monday 21st February 2022
- Monday 18th July 2022

Bikes and scooters

If parents wish for their child to leave their bike or scooter at school then the bike shelter is now open. Please do not allow your child to ride their bike or scooter on the school drive as this could cause an accident.

Leaving the school at the end of the day

Once you have collected your child/children we would request that you leave the school premises promptly. This is to avoid congestion. Children are not allowed to play on the school playground equipment at the end of the day.

There have also been several injuries sustained by children when playing on the wall outside Oliver Hind. School strongly discourages children from playing on this wall.

Trip Money

Trips will be starting again this year! We recommend a £1 installment per child per week. However, you can pay in blocks if you wish. Please give this money to the class teacher or teaching assistant who will record the installment.

Uniform for September 2021

Our uniform policy will not change for September 2021. All the items below can be purchased at most supermarkets at affordable prices. Uniform with the school's logo can be purchased from <https://price-buckland.co.uk/>

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan, either plain or with the school logo
- Black or grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore. Jeans are not part of the school uniform
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Sensible black shoes or trainers
- School dresses (dark or pale blue checks or stripes)
- Black or navy headscarves

PE Kits September 2021

- Plain black or navy shorts
- Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt
- Trainers (any colour is fine)

Plain school PE clothes as listed above are available from most supermarkets and children's clothing shops.

Packed Lunches

We are a 'Healthy Eating School'. If you choose to send a child to school with a packed lunch, please bear in mind the guidelines below.

Yes please	No thank you
Fruit, salad and vegetables	Chocolate biscuits and bars
Sandwiches	Sweets
Low fat snacks	Crisps
Cheese	Fizzy drinks
Meat and fish	Nuts
Fruit drinks or water	

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is now back. The cost is £1 per day. Families where both parents work will be given priority places. If you would like your child/children to attend breakfast club, please contact the school office.

Thank you

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Headteacher