

3rd September 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome Back

We hope that our Starbeck Primary families and friends have had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel well rested. I am sure we are all now in need of returning to routine and everyone at school is looking forward to welcoming your children back next week.

Hopefully many of you will have seen our Facebook post last week with a reminder that lots of details about the new school year were given the **July 16th letter** at the end of term. Please do make sure that you have seen and read this in addition to this letter. It can be located on our school website in the letters home section or by clicking on this link: <http://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/letters-home/>

If your child was unable to attend the transition meetings in July or would like to see their new teacher before starting again, they can watch the special videos filmed by teachers for their new class. These can be found on in each 'Class Page' at <http://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/pupils/class-pages/> You will need to go to the class page for the year group that you child was in at the end of term rather than their new one – there you will find a short video from their new teacher.

If you would like to read the latest government information for parents regarding educational settings, please visit the Gov.uk website and see '**What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**'. This gives full government guidance and expectations relating to all aspects such as attendance, educational visits and more. Here is a link to the site: <https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool>

Face Coverings

As you may have heard last week, the government have published updated advice regarding face coverings. Only children in secondary school (Year 7 upwards) in areas of government intervention are being asked to wear face coverings in communal areas. Primary age pupils and staff working in those schools do not need to wear face coverings. We will however not stop a child from wearing a face covering if this is the request of a parent or carer. Parents and Carers do not need to wear face protection outdoors in our school grounds unless they wish to, however we do have multiple signs reminding everyone to maintain adequate social distancing. We are now asking parents/carers visiting our school office to wear face coverings if possible please. Parents are otherwise at this stage not to enter the school buildings please. Essential external visitors – such as an educational advisor or children's social care team member will be asked to wear a face covering at all times.

When does school re-open?

- **Tuesday 8th September** - Reception to Year 6 (*Reception Class have staggered start dates and times just for the first few days and parents have received a separate letter about this*)
- **Wednesday 9th September** – Nursery (Welcome Back Session – 8.50am to 10.20am only) – Nursery then returns to normal sessions from Thursday 10th Sep.



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A reminder regarding timings

In order to avoid over-crowding at the start and end of day, there will be slightly different start times in the morning. Year groups will also use various entrances to the school. **We will not be gathering all children together and lining up in the playground. Staff will be at the doors and children will enter immediately and go to their classroom.**

| Year group | Timings | Entrance & Exit to be used by children |
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| Nursery | 8:50 (end times depend on nursery sessions) (Wed 9 th Sept) | Entrance/Exit to Nursery building |
| Reception | 8:50 – 3:15pm (see separate letter for week 1 details) | Entrance/Exit to Reception building at rear |
| Year 1 | 8.40 – 3.15pm | Left Entrance/Exit to KS1 building |
| Year 2 | 8.40 - 3.15pm | Right Entrance/Exit to KS1 building |
| Year 3 | 8.50 – 3.25pm | Rear KS2 Entrance/Exit |
| Year 4 | 8.50 – 3.25pm | Side door to Yr 4 classroom Entrance/Exit |
| Year 5 | 8.50 – 3.25pm | Front KS2 Main Entrance/Exit |
| Year 6 | 8.50 – 3.25pm | Front KS2 Main Entrance/Exit |

To ensure safety of adults and children, please could you follow the following:

- Please keep to your allocated drop off and collection time – **try not to be too early or arrive late**
- For older children walking to school alone, please make sure that they **do not** arrive too early to avoid cross-over with other year groups.
- If you accompany your child to school, please try to limit the number of adults attending if possible. With older children, if possible, say goodbye at the school gate as there will be staff monitoring entrances.
- Please could parents and carers leave the site promptly after drop-off and collection to help us avoid any crowding and keep everyone safe.
- If you collect your child from school, please wait at the correct exit and maintain 2m distance from other parents/carers waiting. Please avoid gathering in groups and please do not remain outside the main entrances after drop-off/collection to avoid blocking the public footpaths.
- Please adhere to the one-way system through our school playground – this is signed to help.
- Please do not visit the school office unless it is essential. We are always willing to talk however if possible, phone the office with any queries and agree a time to visit. If you do need to visit, please press the bell and wait - you may have to wait outside until the lobby is free to enter as we can only allow a maximum of 2 people and from 1 family at a time in. Visitors to the office/reception will need to wear a face covering/mask please.
- All other school buildings should not be entered which is in line with government guidance.



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Governors and Trust Update

Last week, we held an extraordinary Governing Body meeting, where all the risk assessment, guidelines and other documentation for full re-opening were reviewed and approved by governors. Our academy trust have produced a full training and information package for all staff, which will be used as part of our INSET training day next week.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

A reminder that breakfast and after school clubs do not restart until Monday 14th September. If you need to book in, please remember that we do need to maintain a reasonably consistent group of children and booking in advance is therefore essential. If your child will be needing regular breakfast or afterschool club care, please could you email Mrs Johnson with the following details:

- Name and Year group of child
- Which sessions you need
- Which days you will need.

Please email to admin@starbeck.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please note that we will not be able to accept one-off or on the day requests. Booking forms will be issued once the clubs have re-started and must be completed in advance with payment please (this can be done via ParentPay).

Uniform Orders & Requests

Our uniform order has now arrived – this was delayed as the supplier has faced issues with stock availability, which has held up completion. I know that some of you have already been in touch with Mrs Rogers and Mrs Johnson to enquire about collecting - To avoid multiple visitors wanting to collect, if you have not already been in touch with our admin team, please give us a call on Monday morning to arrange a time to collect. Thank you.

If you have any questions prior to returning that have been left unanswered here or in the previous letter, or if you would like to speak to a member of staff, please telephone the school on Monday, when staff will be undergoing a full day training sessions, and will be happy to help.

We now look forward to the start of term and getting all children back into the classroom. For many children across the country, this will be their first proper return to school for many months. Our experience with those children in Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 6 who returned in the summer, was that they responded very well to the support given by our team and quickly adapted to any changes, enjoying being back in school.

I will be in touch again once term starts to update on various new school initiatives and changes that have taken place over the summer.

Yours sincerely,

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