

16th July 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

September Re-opening of School Information

We have reached the end of what has been a very different term! Thank you for all your support along the way and for your many kind comments and gifts to our team.

School closes tomorrow (Friday 17th July) for the summer holiday. Schools will no longer be providing Key Worker provision. The local authority have created a search engine to provide any parents looking for summer holiday support with contacts. This can be found at <https://northyorkshireconnect.org.uk/> and has been updated with further companies and holiday clubs.

When does school re-open?

School will re-open on **Tuesday 8th September** to all children (*Nursery and Reception will have staggered start dates and times just for the first few days and parents will have received a separate letter about this*)

Under the current government guidance, we will be re-opening to all children in September. There is no longer a requirement to keep children in smaller groups. Children will be in their normal classes and in order to limit contact with other children, will remain, wherever possible, in their class bubble all day. This includes having separate playtimes and lunch sittings.

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. 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) | 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 early or arrive late**
- If you accompany your child to school, please could only one parent attend and with older children, if possible, say goodbye to children at the school gate as there will be staff monitoring entrances.



- If you collect your child from school, please wait at the correct exit and maintain 2m distance from other parents/carers waiting. Remember to not gather in groups and please do not remain outside the main entrances after drop-off to avoid blocking the public footpaths.
- Please adhere to the one-way system through our school playground
- Please do not visit the school office unless it is essential. If possible, phone the office with any queries. 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 at a time in. All other school buildings should not be entered.

How do we make sure that school is safe?

Our Trust is following all guidelines from central government and the DfE as well as joint union guidance. The key measures include:

- Risks will be fully assessed and approved by governors and the NSAT trustees
- Good hygiene, including frequent washing of hands, will be continuously promoted and enforced by all staff
- School will continue to be cleaned more regularly, with an on-site cleaner present all day
- Children will remain within their class bubble wherever possible. In class (KS1 & 2) children will be sitting facing forwards – not face to face or side on.
- Children will have their own individual/frequently-used items provided (such as pens/pencils)
- Public Health England advice relating to social distancing guidelines will be followed within school grounds and in the school buildings in order to reduce contact and maximise distancing wherever possible.
- National (PHE) guidance will be followed relating to dealing with children or adults who have suspected Covid-19. This includes engagement with the national Track and Trace system. Any child or adult showing the symptoms of Covid-19 will be sent home and should isolate for 7 days. Parents should then arrange for a test to take place and family members must isolate for 14 days. Current guidance can be found here:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Attendance at School from September

Attendance at school in September will be mandatory – this means that all children should return to school. This will minimise as far as possible the longer term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks children falling further behind.

The usual rules on school attendance will apply again from September. School is putting everything in place to ensure that children can return safely. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that children attend and the school's duty to record attendance. Rules regarding absences will return to normal and continued absences could result in fixed penalty notices. If your child has a medical condition and you are concerned around attendance, please contact school to discuss this.

School Uniform and Equipment

Children will be wearing school uniform. Children should only bring essential items to school. They may use a bag however should limit other items to essentials such as a water bottle, books, coat (if needed), hats and packed lunch (if they are not having a school dinner). **Non-essential equipment should not be brought to school.**



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Lunchtime arrangements

As our school has a completely separate canteen, this will be used at lunchtime. A staggered timetable will be in place as well as social distancing measures. Handwashing facilities are available on entry and will be used by all children. Children can have school dinners or bring a packed lunch. Hot school meals are available – as before these are free to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (as part of Universal Free Meals) and to any children in Years 3 to 6 who are eligible for Free School Meals. All other meals need to be paid for (via ParentPay please if possible). Children can tell their teacher on arrival, as normal, whether they will be school dinner or packed lunch. Our catering provider, Chartwells, have extensive measures in place for cleaning and hygiene. After lunch, children will remain in their year group bubble and be supervised in a designated outdoor area.

How Can I Help My Child – before returning to school

- Be optimistic and talk positively about the return to school. Most children have already been back into school as part of our phased-return or to the transition meetings and have therefore already made that journey back.
- Remind children that some things will be different and reassure them that these changes are to keep everyone safe.
- Encourage children to ask any questions they might have and talk or draw their worries.
- Remind children about good hand hygiene and the need to follow adult instructions about cleaning hands.
- Follow the school guidelines closely.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

We will be re-starting our breakfast and afterschool provision in September. Government guidelines allow wrap-around provision and clubs to take place. We will be moving our provision to the top floor of the Key Stage 1 building. This allows us more space for children to be separated into small groups during their stay. We do however need to maintain a reasonably consistent group of children. 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

In order to ensure a smooth return for all year groups during the first few days, Breakfast and After-school club will begin on **Monday 14th September**. Please note that we will not be able to accept one-off or on the day requests. Booking forms will be used issued once the clubs have re-started and must be completed in advance with payment please (this can be done via ParentPay)

On behalf of everyone from #TeamStarbeck – we wish you a happy and healthy summer holiday. Should you need any assistance during the holiday, please email us at the address below and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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