



Ashley Junior School

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1st September 2020

To Parents of Children starting Year 3

At last the time is arriving when we can welcome your child back into school and we hope they are feeling as excited and enthused as we are! We fully appreciate that, for some, there will be some anxieties and difficulties about going back to school – particularly with unfamiliar staff and a new environment. I can assure you that we have spent significant time planning for this moment and have, we think, taken every precaution to ensure the safety of all.

Friday 4th September is the first day of school for our Year 3. They will have the school to themselves in order to give them a chance to orientate and settle into some of the routines.

Arrival

Year 3 start at 9.15am. Entrance is through the main gates to the car park and then we are using two entrances into school:

- **Kestrel (Mrs. Pounds) and Starling (Mrs. Deverill & Mrs. Morgan) classes** will enter through the Reception entrance gate.
- **Wren (Miss Plumley) class** will enter through the playground entrance.

Staff will be there to greet and direct the children. Temperatures no longer need to be taken but handwashing is essential, and a member of staff will be available to support the children in this.

Parents and carers may enter the car park to drop children off. Unless invited, parents and carers must not enter the school site – contact is through email or telephone.

We are hoping that all medication and necessary paperwork will be brought to school prior to the start. If we are aware of any medical needs or if we do not have registration forms you will be contacted shortly to prompt you to bring them in.

P.E. kit must not be brought in – children will wear their kit on the day they have P.E. You will be informed of P.E. days very soon. Coats and bags will be hung on the back of chairs. Please do not bring in a bag unless it is necessary. Lunch boxes will be stored in the classroom. If your child has Free School Meals or purchases a school meal they will be brought to the classroom at the appropriate time. A fruit snack can be brought in for breaktime.

End of the day

School will finish at 3.25pm. Parents and carers may wait in the car park area. Please comply with social distancing guidelines. Children will be escorted to the same gate they entered and held onto until collection.

Emotions are contagious, so it is important that you are positive about the return to school and reassure your child that we are safe, exciting new things await them and they are going to flourish here. If you have any concerns then please discuss them with us. We have a programme of learning prepared that we believe will support your child's transition and help them to feel comfortable and ready for the challenges of key stage 2.

We are really looking forward to working with you to provide the very best for your child.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Rix', written in a cursive style.

IAN RIX
Headteacher