

Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you a very warm welcome back, or indeed to this Autumn term if your child is starting with us for the first time. We hope you have had restful breaks, despite the disappointing weather, and feel ready and refreshed for a return to routine. We are looking forward to a year which will provide some relaxation to the safety rules we have all been living with over past years, enabling us to join together as a school with fewer restrictions. To reflect the changes in governmental guidance, we have revised our risk assessment and outline here some changes to arrangements to the school day.

Arrangements for entering and exiting the school

We will keep the tractor gate open at the back of the school, as well as the front entrance, so you now have a choice about the most convenient way you would like to bring your children to school and collect them at the end of the day. Wearing a face mask is not compulsory, so you can choose whether or not you wish to continue this practice when entering the school grounds or indoor premises. We just ask you to respect other people's personal space and sense of keeping safe distances.

Please bring your child into school between 8.50 - 9.00 as before. Collection of children in Larks and Robins at the end of the each day will continue to be at 3.15, and children in Owls and Swans at 3.25 from their external classroom doors

School uniform and PE

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the regulation school uniform each day and brings their PE kit into school from their first day. The children will continue to have some PE sessions over lunch times, but will just change their shoes and wear trainers on these days. Your child's teacher will send you a separate letter to specify PE days and sessions, as well as arrangements for provision of homework and spellings.

Home/School communication

Your child will be provided with a home/school diary as usual as a means for us to communicate regular reading and any day to day matters we need to be aware of. In addition, all staff remain on hand to discuss any matters that may need to be communicated to us verbally.

We very much look forward to seeing you and your child on Friday 3rd September.

With warmest regards,

Mrs Flatman (Executive Headteacher)
Ms Wallis (Head of School)