

September Information for parents

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to provide you with some extra information regarding September so that you are reassured about the prevention and safety measures that will be in place in school, in accordance with Government guidance. I've also included some up to date information about school uniform, attendance and the out of school club.

Prevention controls in place

1. Staff, parents and children will not come into school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
2. The children will wash their hands thoroughly and more often than normal - 6 times a day
3. Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted - the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, bins and tissues will be in every classroom
4. Enhanced cleaning of frequently touched surfaces - including additional lunchtime cleaning
5. The mixing of 'Bubbles' of children will be minimised to reduce transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19)
6. Lunch times and break times will be staggered so groups don't overlap in the hall or at playtime
7. Adults will remain 2 metres away from children where this is possible
8. Children from Year 1 to Year 4 will be provided with their own pencil case to limit the sharing resources
9. Resources that need to be shared between groups such as sports, art and science equipment will be cleaned more frequently and meticulously or rotated to allow them to be left unused for up to 72 hours
10. Children will be asked to limit what they bring into school to essential items - lunch box, water bottle, hat, coat and school books (children up to Year 3 - this will need to be **in a blue school book bag / reading folder**. (Reception children will be provided with a book bag free of charge) Year 4 children may bring a small plain rucksack but all other children will require a school blue bookbag please.
11. Staggered drop off times with Early Years children
 - Early Years - drop off 8:50 and pick up 3:10
 - KS1 children drop off 9:00 and pick up 3:20
 - KS2 children drop off 8:55 and pick up 3:15
12. Parents will be asked not to gather at the school gates and remain at least 1m apart
13. Parents will be asked to make an appointment before coming into school

Classroom layout

Specific changes to classrooms are required to minimise risk in school for example, the desks in classrooms will be forward facing and the children will sit side by side where possible and unnecessary furniture will be removed to create maximum space. In addition, all unnecessary furniture from corridors will be removed to maximise the space.

Attendance Expectations

School attendance will be mandatory from September for children in Reception to Year 4 so please don't book any term time holidays, particularly important as all children have already missed a substantial amount of time in school this year. Holidays will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

School uniform

Please could all children return to school in school uniform. It's been a while, so here is a reminder of our uniform policy:

- grey or black trousers / pinafore / skirt
- royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan - uniform provider
<https://www.saltouk.com/index.php?route=common/home>
- white polo shirt or blouse
- blue checked / striped dress for summer
- **black** shoes or trainers (flip flops, slip-on sandals, heels or crocs are not allowed for safety reasons)
- PE kit. This should include a school t-shirt, black / blue shorts and a pair of plimsolls.
- **Jewellery, apart from a watch, must not be worn in school. Earrings must be removed for school for safety reasons - If you intend your child to have a piercings carried out, then it would be appropriate for this to be done at the beginning of the summer holiday, when the six week period would allow the pierced body part to settle down before returning to school.**
- **No extreme haircuts or hairstyles please** During term time pupils are asked not to have fashion hairstyles which include: shaved, dyed or streaked hair, beading, patterns, mohawks, lines and tramlines or hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top
- Please also be reminded that pupils are not permitted to wear nail varnish unless this is clear.

Hexham Out of School Club

We are expecting to be able to run our breakfast and afterschool club sessions in September. The times have been reduced slightly and prices reduced to reflect this.

Morning	Cost
8:00 am - 9am	£4:00 Breakfast included @ 8am
8:30 - 9 am	£1:50 No breakfast
After School	To include free snack @ 4pm for all children
3:15 - 4:30	£4.50, second child £3 third child free
3:15 - 5:15	£7.50, second child £4 third child free
3:15 - 5:30	£8.50, second child £5 third child free
Late pick up fee	£5 per 15 minutes late pick up charge applies.
Cancellation procedure and charge for late cancelation	A place will have to be cancelled by 12 noon on the day for after school club or 5:30 pm the day before. A cancellation fee of £3 will be incurred if less than 24 hours notice is given.

Best wishes

Mrs Overton