

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Friday 10th July 2020



SEPTEMBER 2020 ARRANGEMENTS



We will be sending out more detailed guidance in the summer holidays prior to the return to school in September, but for now, we have outlined below some of the arrangements which are starting to take shape for the return to school for children on the 7th September (or the 8th September for new intake Reception children).

In line with the guidance for schools, we envisage the children will be grouped in class 'bubbles' when they first return to school in September- mixing of bubbles will be avoided e.g. no mixed playtimes or assemblies, and the number of adults mixing with each group will be limited in size too. Staff will remain socially distanced in the classrooms and around the school wherever possible and enable children to keep their distance from one another wherever possible too, and to practice good hygiene and regular handwashing to help avoid the transmission of the virus.

The main changes to arrangements for children who are returning to school for the first time after lockdown, will be with regard to drop-off and pick-up.

Drop-off and pick-up proposals

We have made arrangements so that all your children (with the exception of Reception class) can still be dropped off observing social distancing, between 8.45am and 9.00am, so that hopefully working parents who do not use the breakfast club can still get away to work as previously. Please note though that parents will not be permitted on the playground with their child and there will be a 'drop and go' system so that we can ensure children line up with their class group line on arrival and do not mix with other bubble groups before being sent into school by the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher.

At collection time, there will be a one-way collection route for parents enabling them to collect their children from the playground green gates which open onto the central quiet area and pond area in school.



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There will be 2 collection queues cordoned off by barriers at each collection time- one for the gate nearest the school office (Gate 1), and one for the gate nearest the Year 6 classroom door (Gate 2).

Here is our draft collection timing schedule:

	Drop-off	Collection
Reception	9.00-9.30 (Reception door)	3.00 (Gate 1)
Year 1	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.10 (Gate 1)
Year 2	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.10 (Gate 2)
Year 3	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.15 (Gate 1)
Year 4	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.15 (Gate 2)
Year 5	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.20 (Gate 1)
Year 6	8.45-9.00 (Main gate)	3.20 (Gate 2)

It will be essential for all parents to arrive in good time to collect their child to avoid mixing of the class bubbles and/or for parents to send a written message permitting their Key Stage 2 child to walk home or to meet them outside the school site.

This is to ensure that everyone can remain distanced in the lines when waiting to collect their children or exit the school site. If you have more than one child, you may arrive at the collection time stipulated for the oldest child as siblings can be dismissed together (and of course siblings will already be mixing outside school). It will also be essential for parents and children to move off-site quickly at the end of the school day. To support this, we would be grateful if any scooters (or bikes) are not left on site. Our bike shelter will be closed, as dropping off and collecting bikes will delay a swift departure from the school site at the end of the school day.

Breakfast club and after-school club

Breakfast club and after-school club will run, but with reduced mixing of class groups. You will receive more detailed notice about the arrangements in place for these clubs nearer to September once your child has booked their place. Breakfast Club will run from 7.45am and after-school club with JLR Play CIC until 4.30pm or 5.15pm (latest pick-up). There will be no later pick-up possible initially in the new school year due to the enhanced cleaning arrangements needed in school.

Equipment

In order to avoid sharing of resources (& germs!) and to reduce the need for children to find multiple personal items at home-time to take home, each child will be provided with their own folder of personal equipment and will be encouraged to wash hands/ sanitise hands regularly. Regularly sanitised equipment such as pencils will be provided in the early years.

We ask that children do not bring their own equipment into school, other than a waterproof coat, book bag or folder and water bottle each day. Packed lunches will also need to be provided in a disposable bag.



These will be thrown away in their entirety after lunch each day- this system has been successful during the phased re-opening of the school this term, and meant we have not needed to open cloakrooms. Backpacks and other bags will not be permitted in school, and should be kept at home. A hot meal or 'grab & go' cheese roll packed lunch from the kitchen staff will be available for those who wish to buy a meal, and for those entitled to free school meals (all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and those eligible in Key Stage 2) to be eaten in classrooms.

Uniform & PE arrangements

Children will be asked to wear full school uniform in September, with plain black sturdy shoes. Uniform will need to be washed at the end of each school day. We will be making use of our outdoor spaces whenever possible for play and PE sessions, as well as other outdoor learning tasks.

We would like all children to have a pair of plain black jogging bottoms in September for PE days which they can wear with their school jumper or fleece, and trainers for the full day on PE days. This will ensure PE kits are not left in school. Cloakrooms will be closed for storage.

Transition to your child's new class

Don't forget that to enable the staff to get to know the children better, your children's current teachers have set a transition task to be completed in advance of the summer holidays.... For **each child to write to their new teacher and tell them all about themselves. Please send these in by Friday at the latest. Your child's new teacher will be reading through and responding to the new class' submissions on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July.**

If you are reading this message on the website or newsletter, or have trouble uploading pictures of your letter to ClassDojo, then please write the letter and send it to me at head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk

Thank you for supporting your child in writing to their new teacher. Please see your child's current ClassDojo page for details of the best way to go about this.

We are expecting all children to be returning to school **from Monday 7th September 2020 unless they are required to be medically shielded.** Please see the link below to the latest guidance which we will be working to.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries about September's re-opening.

With all best wishes for the week ahead,

Mrs Skillern



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FOCUS ON KEY STAGE 2



Eden & Beau



Sophia L



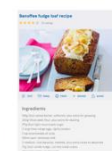
Belle



Harry R



Toby K



Maisie



Abi J



Millie



It's been great to see all your fabulous cooking throughout lockdown. Keep sending the photos on ClassDojo! It's sometimes quite mouth-watering and makes us very hungry looking at all the tasty treats you have been baking! Here are some of the Key Stage 2 children's food creations.

FOCUS ON YEAR 3

Well done Year 3 for your fantastic Krindlekrax models created this week too:-



Ciana



Beau



Aria



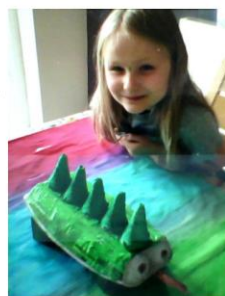
Millie



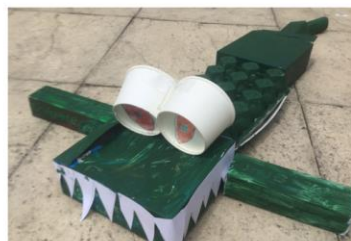
Lyra



Florence



Mollie



Perlita



Jack



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Isleham CE Primary School Lockdown Virtual Sports Day 2020



The teachers will be launching our 'Isleham Lockdown Virtual Sports Day' with their Dojo tasks this week... see if you can complete all the challenges with your family!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM

Please note that during all visits to school, children (and parents if applicable) are asked to remain socially distanced whenever possible and must stay within the allocated areas for their bubble group.

- **Mon 13th July- 1.30pm SVC presentations to Year 6 pupils who are not currently attending school on the field**
- **Mon 20th July- 2.00pm Year 6 Leavers' Service on the field- parents and Year 6 pupils all welcome in distanced groups**
- **Tuesday 21st July- school closes to pupils for the summer holidays at the end of the school day**
- **Monday 7th September- school re-opens to all pupils. Further details to be confirmed**

Term Dates 2020 -2021

Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
3rd – 7th September
Tuesday 8th September

Professional Training Day – School Closed
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Autumn Term Opens Years 1 – 6- timings to be confirmed
Reception class home visits at pre-arranged appointments
Reception class pupils first full day in school



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26th – 30th October (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 18th December	Autumn Term Closes
Monday 4th January 2021	Spring Term Opens
15th – 19th February (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 26th March	Spring Term Closes
Monday 12th April	Professional Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 13th April	Summer Term Opens
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May - 4th June (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 7th June Professional	Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday 21st July	Summer Term Closes for pupils
Thursday 22nd July	Professional Training Day – School Closed

FAMILY WORKER SUPPORT



Parent/Carer support line

We can offer parents and carers an opportunity to speak to a friendly professional from the Early Help District Children's Team about any child or young person aged 0 to 19 (this service is not for professionals to access).

- You can ask a question, request support about your child's or young person's behaviours, get help with new routines and boundaries, or maybe just talk about how you are managing parenting in the current situation.
- We will give you advice, support, and help with signposting or just listen to your parenting experiences.

You can telephone or email for support any time, please leave a message with your contact details, someone will call you back within 5 working days.

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