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3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Dear Boughton Families

Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for your patience and support whilst we've navigated our way through the new arrangements.

The return to school has been as smooth as we could have hoped. I have to say, it has been wonderful to hear the sounds of children talking, laughing and learning. School feels whole again.

As far as we are concerned, from this point on it is back to business as usual, with all of the mitigating measures in place for hygiene and distancing. It is our intention to keep school open and our understanding from the latest guidance is that primary schools should only need to close again in the event of a full national lockdown:

*In the exceptional circumstances where some level of restriction to education or childcare is required in a local area, local and national partners will carefully consider which of the tiers is the most appropriate one to implement. Under the Coronavirus Act 2020, ultimately the decision to order the closure of school and childcare settings is one for central government.*

If you have time on your hands, or are having trouble sleeping, you can read the full guidance [here](#).

#### SCHOOL BOOKS

Tomorrow (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September) the children will be bringing home their work/books from last year. Please send your child in with a suitable bag in which to carry these.

#### NEXT WEEK

The children will all move up to their new classes on Monday morning and for some this will mean a change in arrival/departure times. I've pasted the table below as a reminder and, along with Mrs Cullum and Mrs Webster, I'll be outside on Monday morning to help direct everyone.

YEAR	ENTRANCE & EXIT	START	END
6	Main gate, classroom door	Door opens 8.30a.m.	3.30p.m.
5	Main gate, classroom door	Door opens 8.45a.m.	3.30p.m.
4	Middle gate, classroom door	Door opens 8.30a.m.	3.30p.m.
3	Middle gate, classroom door	Door opens 8.45a.m.	3.30p.m.
2	Playground gate	8.45a.m.	3.15p.m.
1	Bottom car park door	8.45a.m.	3.15p.m.
R	Reception outdoor area gate	9a.m.	3.15p.m.

We are trying to stick to the prearranged finishing times but will again have some flexibility for siblings when younger children have been collected.

#### PARKING

Thank you so much to the huge majority of parents, who have been very mindful of safely parking and walking through the village with their children. Please remember that nobody is allowed to park on the yellow lines or zigzags outside school. We understand that the village is busy but ask that everyone respects

this; they are there for your children's safety. Please allow plenty of time for your journey to and from school.

### **REMINDER: PE KIT AND EQUIPMENT**

Children need to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days, which will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

These are:

Y1: Monday

Y2: Monday

Y3: Tuesday

Y4: Wednesday

Y5: Thursday

Y6: Friday

If you haven't already, please also provide a spare pair of shoes that can stay in school, for the children to wear outdoors when the weather is inclement.

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

We were fortunate to appoint two new teaching assistants to our team in July: Mrs Nicola Dunn and Miss Georgia Parker. Both will work in Key Stage Two. I'm delighted to welcome them to our Boughton family!

Miss Croxford is undergoing hip surgery later this month and is unable to return to school due to the need to isolate for 14 days beforehand; Year 3 parents have already been informed. Mrs Darlington is teaching Year 3 until Miss Croxford's return. We all wish Miss Croxford a safe and speedy recovery.

Mrs de Pass is currently on maternity leave, although you may spot her at drop off and pick up times. Mr Wilson is teaching Year 4 until Mrs de Pass returns.

Mrs Jenny Malcolm, our Family Support Liaison Worker, is working remotely every Tuesday and will be in school all day every Wednesday and Thursday, from next week. Parents can contact Jenny directly by email: [familyliaison@boughtonacademy.co.uk](mailto:familyliaison@boughtonacademy.co.uk) or by phoning the school 01604 842322.

Jenny can advise or offer direct support for a range of concerns or issues so please do avail of her skills!

### **NEWSLETTERS RESUME**

Now that school has reopened, Mrs Cullum will be resuming the weekly newsletters from tomorrow. These will be published on the website each Friday.

Our communications via School News and the website will continue, some of which will be shared via social media. All parents need to ensure they have downloaded the School News app (and be aware that you may need to update it from time to time).

Communications that are specific to year groups or more urgent will be emailed directly to parents. We will be limiting the amount of letters the children take home so will expect that parents are checking School News and the website on a daily basis.

I hope the rest of the week goes well for everyone and wish you all a safe and happy weekend before the children move to their new classes.

Yours sincerely

Mary James  
Head Teacher

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