



Final Update for Summer Term 2020!

Well, what a term! All our usual end of term procedures have gone by the way and it is the strangest end to a school year. Whilst we have all faced many challenges together I really need to thank all the staff for their tremendous work, parents and governors for your overwhelming support and of course our fantastic children – we can't wait to see you all back together in September 😊

Goodbye Year 6

On behalf of everyone we wish you all the good luck in the world as you move on to your new schools. Don't forget we are always here for you and hopefully you will pop back next term to let us know how you are getting on...I know you will all do brilliantly. I hope you like your Cestria memory stick gift and manage to fill it with more memories in the future. You will always be remembered as our special rainbow Year 6 🌈

Summary of Points from Risk Assessment

I am aware that I have sent out quite lengthy updates outlining all the procedures we are putting in place for September...well done if you've read it all! Here is a summary of the main points & a reply to the couple of questions we have been asked to clarify.

Staggered Start Times

- If you have 1 child & they are in **Y1: 8.40-8.50**
- If you have 1 child & they are in **Y2: 8.50-9am**
- If you have children in both **KS1 (Y1 or Y2) & KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6): 9.05 – 9.15am** (this is so families can come at the same time)
- If you have a child/children in **KS2 only: 9.15am – 9.25**
- **Reception: 9.35am** weeks 1 & 2 (8.40 – 9am once settled)

Staggered End of Day Times

- Reception children to leave via the main entrance (next to office) at 2.50pm.
- 2.55pm - Y1 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)
- 3.00pm – Y2 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)
- 3.05pm – Y3 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)
- 3.10pm – Y4 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)
- 3.15pm – Y5 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)
- 3.20pm – Y6 (collect your child at waiting area opposite church)

General Points

- Children enter via middle gate as double gates provide the widest access point
- Only 1 adult to accompany child/children & observe social distancing
- Adult to leave drop off & pick up points swiftly
- Parking permits have been extended to cover staggered starts & pick ups
- Only water filled water bottles & small packed lunch bag (washable) to be brought from home – no other bags/resources
- Clearly name water bottle, packed lunch bag & all clothing
- Adults to contact teacher via Dojo, email or phone call
- Adults to contact office or Head/Deputy via email or phone call
(cestria@durhamlearning.net or 01913882483)

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- Children will eat lunches in classrooms – we will assume your requirements for school dinner (which will be kitchen prepared cold lunch initially) or packed lunch from home remain the same as this term...if you have changed your mind please email before Monday
- School lunches for KS2 children will be £2.20 a day or £79.80 first half term
- PE – children to come dressed for PE with trainers, black shorts (or joggers) & white tee shirt... your child's new teacher will Dojo you a message with the day when they have their timetable
- All contact details we hold in school need to be up to date & include at least 3 people we can ring in an emergency – if you have any changes please email them asap
- Just for information...my HT office & Mrs Bentham's office have moved upstairs. My old room is now a lovely group teaching room for Mr Smith!

School Uniform

Please wear uniform where possible but we understand that items might be in short supply and clothes need washing daily. Consequently, uniform rules will be relaxed for the autumn term and children can wear non uniform if necessary.

Questions Asked...

Children can enter school as a family – can they leave as a family group to ease pick up?

Unfortunately, this is not possible as family groups are spread across the classes at the end of the day. The children can not cross class bubbles & the staff can not cross bubbles to gather them together. It would also be very time consuming & cut considerably into the teaching day. We have tried to stagger the exit of classes to get them out as quickly as possible as we are aware that parents are waiting between class pick-ups – we could leave longer between exits to ease congestion in the waiting area but this would mean some parents waiting a longer time. We will certainly monitor in the first week & make any necessary adjustments if required.

How long will staggered entry & exit last?

Until the DFE guidance changes – I know as much as you but would anticipate the autumn term & possibly spring term or longer.

Could we open all 3 gates for access?

We initially considered this when completing the risk assessment but as all 3 entrances are located on the same narrow path it would make little difference. Most importantly any entrance has to be staffed sufficiently to safeguard the children & we simply don't have sufficient staff to cover 3 entry points as well as all the other procedures now expected of us. I think the staggered entry might also help you access the location as we are anticipating increased traffic due to children coming in cars rather than school buses (particularly Park View) ...we will wait & see on that one.

Finally... thank you so much for all the lovely messages, they have truly meant so much to all of us. I wish you all a happy and safe 'holiday' and look forward to seeing you again soon.

