

"Where children come first"



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Dear Parents/Carers,

When we start our new school year on Wednesday, 2nd September 2020, you will notice there are many changes in how we will be operating. We are following government guidance and putting in several controls to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID 19. You can access a copy of our full COVID 19 risk assessment on our website. <https://monksdownprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/September-Covid-19-School-Risk-Assessment.pdf> We will regularly update this risk assessment as guidance from the government changes. For further information please visit our website www.monksdownprimary.co.uk and click COVID 19 UPDATE tab.

Whilst the government have indicated that the prevalence of coronavirus (COVID 19) has decreased and the Track and Trace system is up and running it is important that our whole school community works together to protect others. With this in mind breakfast club **will not** be operating as it will be impossible to keep the children in their 'bubbles' before school. This will be reviewed after half term.

As a school we must minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, does not attend school. If a child presents with symptoms within school, they will be isolated and their parents/carers will be called to collect them. It is essential therefore that the school has up-to-date contact details for you. Your child will need to be taken for a COVID test and the results communicated to the school. If a child has symptoms after a negative test they should remain at home until all symptoms have gone. Should a positive test be returned then they should adhere to guidance regarding isolation. School would also inform every parent from the same year group bubble as children would need to self - isolate following government guidelines.

The school will enforce enhanced hand hygiene for all pupils. Pupils will clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school and when they return from breaks. Handwashing should follow the guidance provided. The school will prompt and supervise hand hygiene including the use of hand sanitiser during the day. Within school we will continue to promote and ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the "catch it, bin it, kill it" approach. We will continue to provide an enhanced level of cleaning across the school and most importantly on high contact / frequently touched areas such as door handles, light switches, taps etc.

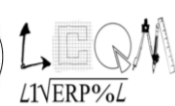
We have organised our school to keep children in clear and consistent 'bubbles'. This will help minimise the number of contacts children have with different people whilst still delivering an effective curriculum. We have considered the age of our children and their curriculum needs as well as the logistics of our school building to determine the size of our 'bubbles'. Every school will have had to do this, and each school will have different ways to do this for their school community. In our school, each year group will become a 'bubble'. Children will be in their class of 30 and where possible will be seated side by side, facing the

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front, in line with government advice. They will have play and lunch bubbles and will come to school and leave at the same time.

Here are the start and finish times along with lunch details for each year group.

Year Group	Start Time	Lunch	Finish Time
Reception	9:15am	11:30-12:30pm	3:15pm
Year 1	8:45am	12:00-1:00pm	2:45pm
Year 2	9:00am	12:00-1:00pm	3:00pm
Year 3	8:45am	12:05-1:00pm	2:45pm
Year 4	9:00am	12:35-1:30pm	3:00pm
Year 5	8:45am	12:35-1:30pm	2:45pm
Year 6	9:15am	12:35-1:30pm	3:15pm

Any parents who have children in different year groups are to bring all of their children at 9.15am and pick them all up at 3.15pm so that they are not waiting on the yard. We ask that only 1 parent comes onto the school yard and you must not enter the school premises at all. Staff will be on the yards on the 1st day to show everyone where to go.

Children will remain in their 'bubbles' over the lunchtime period. The facilities will be thoroughly cleaned between each bubble sitting. Our newly refurbished kitchen will be serving their full range of lunches and we encourage all children to have a school lunch or bring a packed lunch. Packed lunches from home can only be brought into school in a plastic/paper bag that will be disposed of after eating, again this is to minimise the risk of spreading the virus via lunch bags.

The children will all be expected to wear our full school winter uniform including sensible black school shoes that can be polished- training shoes of any description are not permitted. School will provide stationery for each individual pupil. This is to remove the need for pupils to share equipment. Children should not bring their own stationery into school. Within a bubble, classroom-based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared but will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.

We all look forward to welcoming you back on the 2nd September.

We understand your child/children will be feeling apprehensive or may have some worries please be assured we will address these and make sure your child is nurtured and cared for.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Price
Headteacher