

Tweendykes

School & Sixth Form



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

We are really looking forward to all the pupils coming back next week – the school will feel more like a school again!

As you may be aware, I have now moved to the Head of School role, with Berni Moorcroft as Executive Headteacher for both Tweendykes and Frederick Holmes. For many of you this will not feel too different as we will both be available, along with the wider leadership team in the school, to help answer any queries you may have or support you may need.

I began work at Tweendykes 7 years ago and it is with great delight that I now take on this new role. For those who don't know me quite so well I have a passion for person-centred planning and making sure our pupils get the right level of support at the right time. I also have a passion for allotment gardening and jazz, but please don't hold that against me!

COVID 19 Information and Risk Assessment Measures:

As we start the new school year I am mindful that the normal anxieties at the beginning of term will have multiplied, as we fully reopen during this easing of lockdown. Please rest assured that your child's health and safety are at the forefront of our minds and we will be reviewing our risk assessments on a regular basis (this is available on our website). Individual classes will also have their own specific risk assessments.

I have attached a copy of our most recent 'COVID 19 Information for Parents'. If you have any queries please get in touch with your class teacher, phase leader (Andrea, Donna or Josh) or myself.

As a result of these risk assessment measures, there will be certain limitations in the school day.

In summary:

- Your child will be taught in a 'bubble'
- Access to wider spaces will be limited e.g. sports hall
- Staggered playtimes
- Lunchtimes in classes
- Assemblies will be delivered remotely
- Staggered start and finish times
- Pupils are NOT required to wear PPE

Arrival and Departure times / Transport:



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alleviate the pressures at the beginning and end of the day we will be operating a staggered start and finish time for both pupils on transport and for those who are being brought and collected by parents.

Home-School Communication:

Like every year, communication is key and your child's class teacher will keep in touch regularly to help make sure that we can continue to work in partnership (I have attached a copy of our home:school agreement for you to read through). We will be offering a socially-distanced 'meet the class team' shortly, or using remote methods (Microsoft Teams) if you prefer.

Reporting of COVID symptoms:

Managing the spread of COVID is collective effort. Please could you inform us straightaway if your child or anyone in their immediate cohort are presenting with symptoms. If your child is presenting with one of these symptoms, please do NOT send your child to school:

- High temperature
- Persistent cough
- Loss or change to sense of smell

Recovery Curriculum and Home Learning:

Many of your children will have enjoyed the home learning platform during lockdown. We have decided to maintain this and further details of our 'Autumn Imagination Challenge' will be circulated shortly.

September can be a tricky time settling back into school for some of our pupils and this may be even more the case this year. To help pupils this year we will be focusing initially on a 'Recovery Curriculum'. This will focus on 4 key areas:

- Relationships
- Routine
- Regulate
- Revisit

I look forward to working with you all in 2020-21!

Yours sincerely,

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