

Parent information for September 2020

The staff at Westborough are really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school in September 2020. Whilst we appreciate that returning to education maybe an anxious time for pupils, parents and carers, it is important to note that the government states 'the risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from Coronavirus is very low'. We want to reassure you that we are following the government guidance and introducing a range of protective measures to keep pupils, staff and the wider community safe. This includes reorganising the school day as well as altering how we use the school building.

Organisation of the school day

Government guidance suggests the safest way to re-introduce pupils to school is in year group bubbles. To minimise the contact between each year group, we are going to stagger the times of the school day. **To support us with this, please ensure your child arrives promptly to school and leaves on time. Pupils arriving late or waiting to be collected could contact other year groups and compromise the safety of all.** It is also important to highlight that pupils are encouraged to either walk to school or come by car. Where possible it is advisable to avoid public transport, however, if this has to be used please be aware children must wear a face covering.

	Year 7 (from Wednesday 9 September 2020)	Year 8 (from Thursday 10 September 2020)	Year 9 (from Thursday 10 September 2020)	Year 10 (from Thursday 10 September 2020)	Year 11 (from Thursday 10 September 2020)
Start time	8.15am	8.30am	8.45am	8.30am	8.15am
Break time	11.00am - 11.15am	11.00am - 11.15am	10.00am - 10.15am	10.00am - 10.15am	11.00am - 11.15am
Lunch time	12.45pm - 1.10pm	1.20pm - 1.45pm	12.15pm - 12.40pm	12.15pm - 12.45pm	1.15pm - 1.45pm
Finish time	2.40pm	2.50pm	3.00pm	2.50pm	3.00pm

Please note, we are unable to offer breakfast club until further notice as this would involve mixing year group bubbles.

Use of the school building

To minimise the contact between different year groups, the school building will be organised into five zones. Pupils will be met on arrival in September and directed to the location of their zone. Year 7 will be escorted as we understand they are unfamiliar with the layout of the building. All year groups have been allocated an entrance / exit, eating area and outdoor space as detailed below. This, along with the staggered timings of the school day, will enable us to keep year groups separate. **Please support us by ensuring your child uses the correct entrance and exit at the start and end of the school day.**

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Entrance / exit	Top gate (Stockhill Street)	Bottom gate (Park Croft)	Top gate (Stockhill Street)	Top gate (Stockhill Street)	Bottom gate (Park Croft)
Eating area	Dining room	Dining room	Dining room	Common room	Common room
Outdoor space	Rounders pitch	Netball courts	Field area	Netball courts	Field area

Pupil equipment

Government guidance suggests that pupils should not be allowed to share equipment when in school. Therefore, we are unable to lend items to pupils as we normally would. To minimise the spread of infection we will be providing a plastic zip wallet to store equipment, including a mini whiteboard to support learning. Please ensure your child is fully equipped for the start of the school year by having the following:

- Two black pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator

Please note that all equipment will stay in school for the foreseeable future to avoid the disruption to learning caused by forgotten items.

Additional information

To further reduce the risk of transmission in school, all payments including for school meals, trips, visits, planners or any other payment will have to be made using your parent pay account. If you have any problems accessing this, or you have any concerns please contact datarequests@w-h-s.org.uk.