



Seagrave Village Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR OPENING ON 26th AUGUST 2020

Autumn Term

This letter will give you the updated information about returning to school on 26th August.

INSET Days

We are having two staff training days at the start of the school year. Monday 24th August and Tuesday 25th August will both be INSET days. The new EYFS starters and parents have been given an appointment with Mrs Chafer on these days to answer any questions and to bring children for their initial visit.

Return date for children

All children will return to school on **Wednesday 26th August.**

All year groups will be returning. We will continue to work with staggered start and finish times. The classes will work in 'bubbles' of up to 30. These bubbles will be the usual classes e.g. year 5 and 6 children together with Mrs Woodward.

Before and after school clubs

We have reviewed the procedures needed to be able to safely open before and after school care. We feel we will be able to do this from 7th September. During these sessions, we will try to maintain social distancing between different class bubble (although this cannot be guaranteed), e.g. all EYFS children will be grouped together on one table, class 1 on a different table and so on. The children will be in the same room but not working closely with children from other bubbles. If there is a confirmed case within the before or afterschool club we will notify you regarding bubble closures.

Start time and end time of school day

We will run a staggered start and staggered end to the school day in the first two weeks. This is to help us ensure all our families can keep as safe as possible through distancing and to ease children



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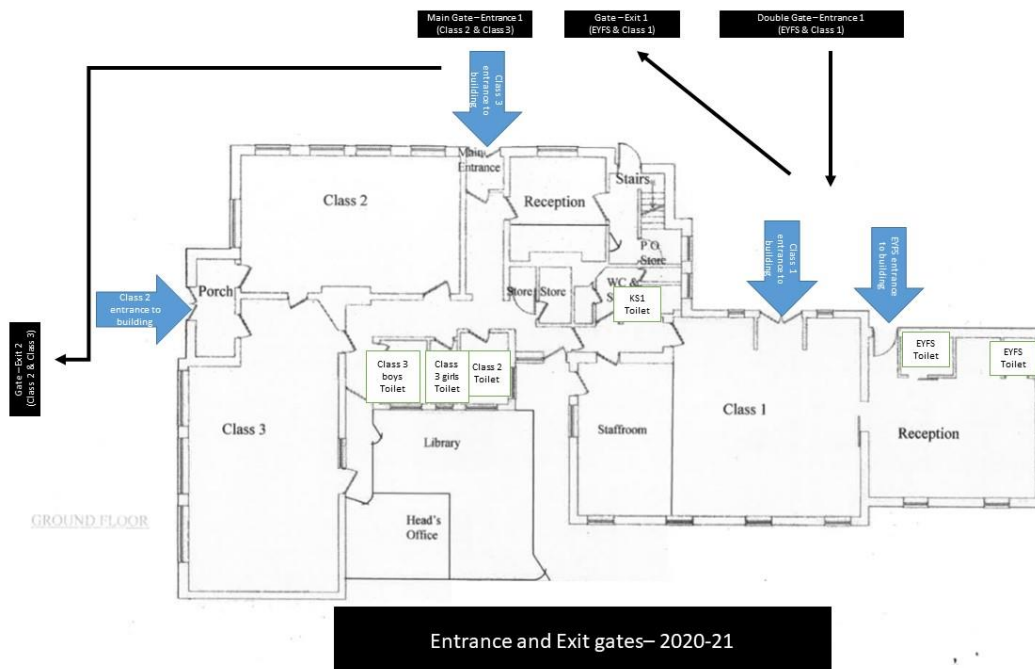
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back into life at school after what for many has been a very long break. We will review this after the first two weeks.

Class	Start Time	Collection Time	Gates	Door to come through
EYFS – after the first 3 days	9.00	3.15	Entrance and exit 1	EYFS door
Class 1	8.50	3.00	Entrance and exit 1	Class 1 door
Class 2	9.00	3.15	Entrance and exit 2	Black door on the bottom playground
Class 3	8.50	3.00	Entrance and exit 2	Main front door

If you have a child in another class please bring both children at the earlier time and collect at the earlier time too.

Please continue to use the entrance and exit gates listed. The classroom doors will be open to welcome the children in one at a time, please distance while waiting to come in. The children will be released through the same door, please remember to socially distance while you are waiting for your child. We would be grateful if you avoid congregating on the playground or paths outside.





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Lunch and Break Times

We will be serving hot school dinners upon return to school in the Autumn term. The menu will start on Wednesday of menu 1.

An MS form to order dinners is available to complete from this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=33_wzdLTyk2HVK3vxmXhiMgX1nFak5NLnWZV94Dc6KtUN0pVOFBEOEkxRVFLNzdMNk5PVDIYVldMMY4u

Where possible please pay via weduc.

Break and Lunchtimes will be zoned so that children from different classes do not mix. This means EYFS and class 1 will eat first and then go out to play in their designated zones. Class 2 and 3 will go out to in their zones first and then will eat their lunch from 12.30. The children will eat their lunches in their classrooms.

Minimizing the risk

We continue to have an increased cleaning regime throughout the school and particularly in high touch areas. Classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows left open. Classroom furniture has been arranged (and some removed) so that children are forward facing, where practicable. Children are able to sit side by side. The younger children will need to be able to move from activity to activity. Strict handwashing regimes will be in place when the children move between activities. Where practicable the children will sit in the same seat throughout the day with their own stationery.

We will ask the children to wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day and specifically when they arrive at school. If you want to provide your child with soap or hand cream please send it clearly labelled with their name.

We will have plenty of tissues available to encourage children to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. We have separate bins in every classroom for tissues – these are emptied throughout the day.

Each class has designated toilets - only the children in that bubble use the toilet. This will be strictly monitored with a one in one out system. Additional cleaning is also in place for all toilets.

Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum with the children using the outside classroom doors to the playground. Doors will be propped open (in accordance with fire regulations) to reduce the contact with door handles.



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Uniform

Children are expected to be in full school uniform upon return to school. All children will need a PE kit. Please ensure all items are labelled and fit in their PE bag. This bag will need to stay in school and then will be sent home at half term.

Speaking to/meeting a member of staff

Please be mindful of social distancing when speaking to staff. We request that you make an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher so that we can put measures in place to keep you and the staff safe. It may be a telephone call rather than a face to face meeting.

Please do not try to enter the school building. If you need to speak to office staff please do so through the sliding window in the porch area.

Symptoms of Covid-19

If a child or member of staff shows any symptoms of COVID-19 we will isolate them and arrange for them to go home as soon as possible – please make sure we have your latest contact number. We ask that anyone being sent home have a COVID-19 test. Return to school is conditional on the test result being negative. If a child or member of staff is tested positive for COVID-19 this is likely to result in their bubble group being closed and all members of that group being asked to self-isolate for two weeks.

Planning for further lockdown

Unavoidably, we must plan for the possibility of further lockdowns. We are working on improving our remote learning. I know that for some parents the limited teacher input during lockdown made getting children to work and learn challenging. We will be sending home an email address and password for each pupil so that they can access Microsoft Teams. We are working on developing video-based lessons to support any home learning. In the next few weeks, we hope to launch a new online homework platform. With both of these platforms, learning at home should be more interactive enabling children, parents and staff to communicate more easily.



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New EYFS Starters

Our new starters have not had the usual transition sessions in the summer term. With this in mind the children will be attending on a part time basis for the first three days. On the first two days they will go home at the end of the morning session so will not eat lunch at school and on the Friday they will stay and eat their dinner at school:

	Drop off time	Collection time
Wednesday 26 th August	9am	12.00
Thursday 27 th August	9am	12.00
Friday 28 th August	9am	1.15

I am eager to ensure that our school community can be back together as safely as possible. Thank you for your continuing support.

If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Litchfield

Headteacher