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Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to School

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your children and are looking forward to the return to school next week.

We have had a busy couple of days with training for staff and we cannot wait to welcome children and families back to Thakeham. A few key reminders for you ahead of the return to school are provided below:

- Year 1 to Year 6 return to school on Monday 6th September.
- Acorns have a staggered start as follows:

Monday 6th September: Group B 9:15-11:45am & Group A 1:15-2:45pm

Tuesday 7th September: Group B 9:15-11:45am & Group A 1:15-2:45pm

Wednesday 8th September: Group A & B 9:00am-12 noon

Thursday 9th September : All 9:00am-1:00pm (staying for lunch, please ensure you sign up for free Chartwells lunch or bring packed lunch)

Friday 10th September: All 8:45am-3:10pm

- **We have revised the start of the day, 8:40am gates open; 8:45 children enter school.**
We will have zones for children to line up in (either myself or Mrs Hopkins will be on duty):
- **Elder:** top playground (independently without a parent/carer), parents to wait outside along the fence (near the bus shelter)
- **Maple:** last third of the playground (near the front of the school with the blue canopy); parents are welcome to 'drop and go' from 8:40am (no earlier) or can wait to the side in this area.
- **Oak** children: a slight change to the original plans. Children will line up under the canopy of the 100 square. Parents to wait to one side on the lower playground area.
- **Acorns:** to line up with their parent outside Acorn gate with their parents.
- End of school day: Acorns – 3:10pm; all other classes 3:15pm. Arrangements are the same as for the morning in terms of parent waiting areas. We will review and monitor these arrangements to ensure everything runs smoothly. Please see diagram below:

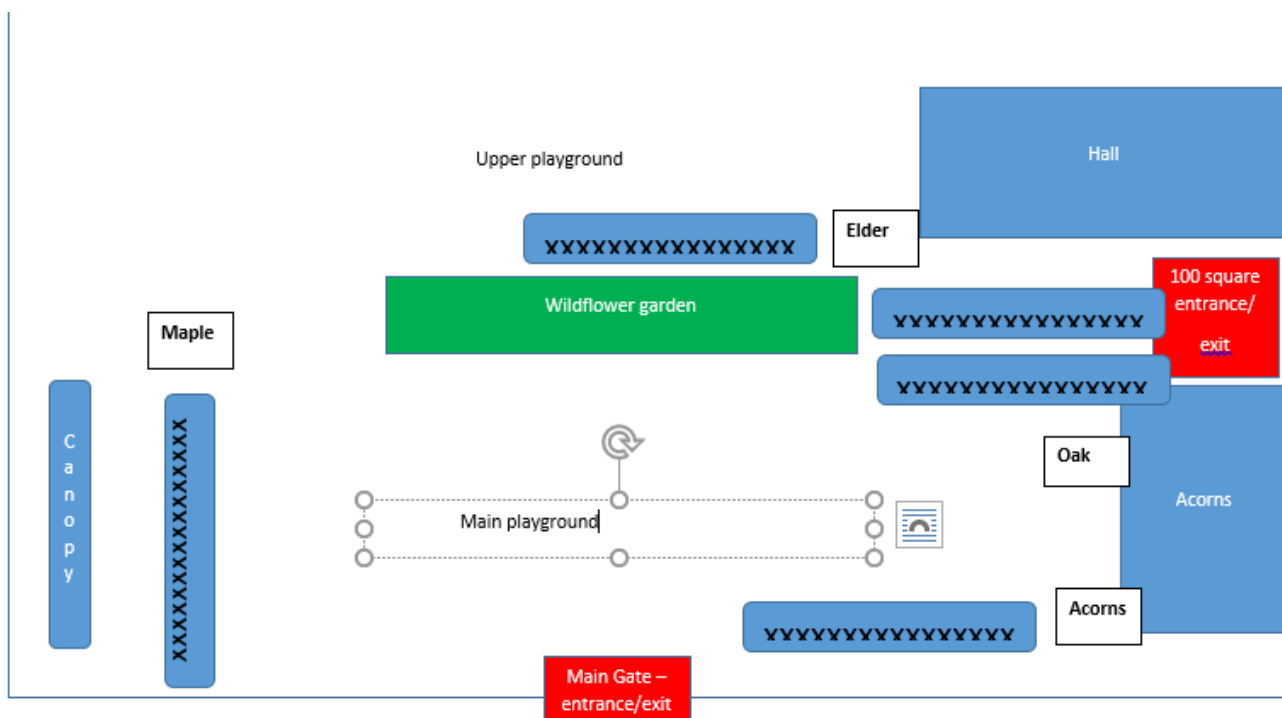




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We still have a number of measures in place to minimise risk of transmission of Covid-19 which you can find in detail in our Covid-19 risk assessment which has been updated in line with current DfE guidance. Please find the full document on our website.

Key headlines are below:

- Attendance is mandatory for all children unless your child is unwell/has Covid-19 symptoms/is awaiting a test (symptomatic)/is a confirmed case of Covid-19 (PCR test). Close contacts of a confirmed case should book a PCR test. Rules on self-isolation have changed – please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>
- If your child displays symptoms of Covid-19 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> in school, we will contact you to collect your child within 30 minutes and ask you to book a PCR test for them. The child should self-isolate whilst they await the results of the test. NHS Test and Trace undertake contact tracing, rather than schools, though they may contact us if information is required or to alert us to cases.
- Home learning will be provided if your child is self-isolating awaiting a test or is absent with





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Covid-19. The school office will liaise with parents regarding severity of symptoms.

- Hand hygiene continues to be in place with hand washing and sanitising at key points as recommended throughout the day. You do not need to send your child in with their own products. No change.
- Children to be reminded of key respiratory messages 'Catch it, bin it, kill it', tissues in class. No change.
- Ventilation will continue to be a focus – we will ensure plenty of fresh air in classrooms throughout the day by opening windows/doors. As the weather begins to turn colder/during periods of rain we may purge the classrooms with fresh air at break/lunch instead. No change.
- Cleaning of key touchpoints throughout the school will remain in place (in addition to whole-school cleaning at the end of the day). No change.
- Assemblies, break, lunches will take place in key stages e.g. Acorn and Oak together and Maple and Elder together (KS2 change only).
- Contact with school: If you wish to speak with your child's class teacher, please ring the school office on 01903 740176 to make an appointment. This may be a call or a face to face meeting. If face to face, we will use the Excess Hall currently rather the classrooms. Teachers are available if needed for a quick message at the end of the day, but please bear in mind they may have meetings/appointments already booked in.
- Face coverings are not mandatory. If you require a face to face meeting, we will continue to encourage you to wear a face covering, but recognise this is a personal choice. We will ask you to sanitise your hands if coming on to the school site. Full PPE will be worn by First Aiders dealing with a suspected case of Covid-19 (no change).
- Twice-weekly LFD testing is still in place for all staff and volunteers. No change.

We will continue to keep abreast of local and national guidance and will update you if requirements change.

We look forward to welcoming you all back next week and can't wait to support and inspire children on the next steps in their learning journey!

If you have any questions, please do contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Norton (Headteacher)

