



Acorn Class 1



Entry to school 8.45am:

When you bring your child to school, enter the school site via the lower entrance on Douglas Road only.

If your Nursery child has a sibling in Y1 or Reception, we are asking for you to wait in the 'Waiting Area' of the playground. Your child's adult will call them over.

Please remain a 2m distance from any other family within this area. If your Nursery child has a sibling in Y6, we would like the Y6 pupil to walk around on their own, using the top entrance of Douglas Road.



Children should be escorted by only one adult and please make sure to observe social distancing at all times on your journey to school. When on site, make sure you continue to socially distance yourself from other parents and staff. On the tarmac, you will see 2 metre distance markers which must be observed at all times.

The children will be greeted by an adult at 8.45 and each child will be invited into the Nursery classroom on a one by one basis to maintain social distancing. Parents will not be permitted beyond this point.

When you come to collect your child at 11.45am prompt, please use the same entrance to the school site. Observe the 2 metre social distancing markers. Upon making visual sighting of you, an adult will allow your child to make their way to you on a one-by one basis.

Communicating with staff in school:

If you need to communicate with your child's class teacher, messages will have to be given via the telephone or the Parent App, before the start of the school day. These will be picked up by Admin and passed onto your child's class teacher. Unfortunately, it is not possible to offer face to face meetings at this time, however staff will be available to speak on the telephone either before or after school.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will open from 8am for pupils returning to school but this will also be organised slightly differently. Children from different year groups will be kept separately in the hall and social distancing measures will be in place. A limited offer of cereals and toast will be available and this will be provided free of charge. To book into breakfast club, you will need to inform the school via the App a week in advance.

The classroom environment:

A number of changes have been made in school to support the safety of pupils, parents and staff these include:

1. All soft furnishing and toys have been removed from the Nursery environment.
2. Children will have a collection of their own personal resources which they can use.
3. Window and doors will remain open to ensure good ventilation.
4. Tables, Door handles, taps will be wiped down regularly throughout the day.
5. Classrooms will be cleaned daily after every nursery session and deep cleaned every Friday.

Uniform:

School uniform should be worn to school to help children be more prepared for schooling. Comfortable shoes which are suitable for outdoor use are necessary along with sun cream and a hat for outdoor provision. Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day. Clean clothing must be worn daily and so daily washing of uniform is necessary. Children must not bring items from home with them into school, this includes PE kit.

Handwashing and Hygiene:

Upon arrival, children will be asked to wash their hands. There will be a timetable of regular handwashing throughout the day, usually at the end of different activities and tables will be wiped down. Door handles, taps, table tops, backs of chairs and anything a child may have touched will be routinely wiped down throughout the day as part of new staff routines and regulations.

Social Distancing

We understand that social distancing for young children is not possible but there are lots of things that we can do to ensure that we are being as safe as possible. Children will be encouraged to minimise contact through smaller group sizes (maximum 10) with two adults available per group. Classroom layouts will ensure pupils are 2m apart and have their own personal resources to use to encourage personal use only. Designated areas will be set up for outdoor use so that groups do not cross over.

Learning

Throughout the first few weeks learning will take the form of pupils understanding the new 'normal'. This will include PHSE around the importance of social distancing and good hygiene. We will use outdoor learning spaces as per recommendations from the DFE. At this moment in time, we will not be sending reading books home but will be reviewing this matter and are working on ways to provide home reading resources.

If you have any questions, please contact school.