



NEWSLETTER

Coleshill C of E Primary School and Nursery

Inspiring our children to flourish and enjoy 'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



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September Full Opening

We are now only 5 school days away from full opening in September! We have been working hard digesting the DfE guidance for full opening and applying it to our setting.

There are many, many details surrounding our September return which we will expand on in this newsletter and in future communications, however some of the big headlines are as follows;

Dates

- **1st and 2nd September** will be INSET days (no children)
- **3rd and 4th September** will be phased return to test school procedures
- **Monday 7th September** first day of all children attending

School Systems

- **Kid's Club will fully re-open** on 3rd September for those year groups who are in school (7:45am—5:30pm)
- Key Worker status no **longer applies** in prioritising attendance
- **Full school uniform** will be expected
- All sessions for Kid's Club **return to being paid services** (please contact school for places)
- There will be **No Bus Service** to and from High Meadow (Arks and Owls club is now for High Meadow Community School children only)
- **No temperature testing** on entry for children
- Hand washing/sanitising **will be compulsory** on entry to building rather than gate
- **NO VEHICLE DROP OFF** in the morning
- Carpark exclusively used by **pedestrians only** during arrival and pick-up
- A one way system will be in place which will be clearly marked—**please follow guides**
- **Staggered start and end times** for separate Key Stages
- Parents **will not be able to access the school site** beyond drop-off gates
- Some **after school sports clubs** will be able to run (outdoors only for single year groups)

Arrangements in detail for first days back

IMPORTANT: From September 3rd 2020, attendance is again compulsory. Similarly, the recording of late marks will be re-introduced. All attendance monitoring will resume with the support of Central School Attendance and Welfare Services (**CSAWS**).

Tuesday 1st September: INSET

Wednesday 2nd September: INSET

Thursday 3rd September:

- Nursery and Reception—parent 1:1 meetings by appointment
- KS1 Year 1 and Year 2
 - Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20
- KS2 Year 3 and Year 5 ONLY
 - Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

Friday 4th September:

Nursery and Reception—parent 1:1 meetings by appointment

KS1 Year 1 and Year 2

- Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20

KS2 Year 4 and Year 6 ONLY

- Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

From Monday 7th September:

- Nursery—stay and play
- Reception—Part days as per integration schedule
- KS1 Year 1 and Year 2
 - Arrival gates open 8:45—8:50; Collection gates open 3:15—3:20
- KS2 ALL YEAR GROUPS
 - Arrival gates open 9:00—9:05; Collection gates open 3:25—3:30

Drop off and collection times are to be strictly observed. Gates will not be opened until 8:45am. Gates will be closed between KS1 and KS2 admission (8:50 and 9:00). Children arriving after published times must enter through the main office entrance. This will be recorded as late.

Parents with children in both Key Stages may leave their older children on the playground during 8:50—9:00am (they will be supervised by a member of staff until their classroom is open).

PLEASE NOTE: KS2 children arriving before 9:00am will need to remain off site until admission time.

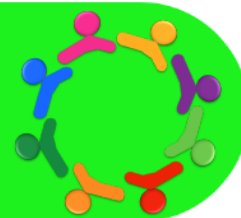
KS2 Lost property

We have a vast array of Key Stage 2 lost property. Please make sure that children attending transition days are reminded to bring home any that belong to them. We will give them time to collect items during the day.

Unclaimed items will be disposed of or recycled to a charity at the end of the term.



Online Safety Newsletter for Parents



Welcome to the second in a series of newsletters to support parents of primary aged children with online safety risks, issues and concerns. If you have any serious concerns or issues, please contact school as usual.

Advice

As the school year ends (and what a year it has been . . .) children in year 6 are moving to a new school. This often involves the acquisition of a new mobile phone. This short list of links below may be helpful for the transition period into year 7...

A new phone?

Many children have a new phone around this time of year. It is recommended that you put restrictions in place before you hand the phone over. This excellent advice from Internet Matters, provides information for a wide range of devices -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/>

Smartphones and other devices

Children are using devices at a younger age so it's important to consider setting controls on the devices they use. We've pulled together a number of guides to give you simple steps to set controls on a range of devices.



and <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-resilience-toolkit/digital-resilience-toolkit-11-13-year-olds/>

Social media overload?

As our children have more access to online devices, there is an increase in pressure to communicate with friends through social media.

The Children's Commissioner report 2018, 'A life in Likes' reported on the issues raised by 8-12 year old children

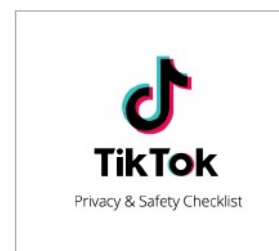
"...many Year 7 children are finding social media hard to manage and becoming over-dependent on 'likes' and 'comments' for social validation. They are also adapting their offline behaviour to fit an online image and becoming increasingly anxious about 'keeping up appearances' as they get older."

Get familiar with social media safety. This short video talks you through the areas to consider <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Page 7 of the Digital Parenting magazine from Vodafone gives some good advice regarding a safer start to social media

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/cs/groups/public/documents/webcontent/vfcon096227.pdf>

TikTok have been taking steps to make the app a safer space for users. Children often start jumping on the TikTok-ing bandwagon when they're around eight or nine years old, despite the app's 13+ age restriction. Further advice and information can be found here <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/tiktok-controls> or here <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/tiktok-checklist.pdf>



Gaming

This article provides a positive view of how we can incorporate games into a healthy lifestyle from Parent Zone. Video games to help your child stay active.

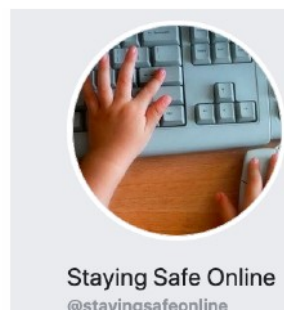
https://parentinfo.org/article/video-games-to-help-your-child-stay-active?utm_source=Parent+Zone+Newsletter&utm_campaign=46b15ff133-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_02_02_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ee27d9000-46b15ff133-179011393



The website <https://www.askaboutgames.com/> provides much useful information and handy tips.

Advice is posted regularly on the Warwickshire Online Safety Facebook page for parents

<https://www.facebook.com/stayingsafeonline/>



Have a safe and happy summer break.

Ensure that children are adequately supervised and supported by an adult during any time they are online.