



Dear Parent/ Guardians,

Tuesday 14th July 2020

We are very excited to be welcoming all children back to school full time in September. Below you will find information to help with your child/ren returning to school in September. Please note there will be a final update letter from me at the start of next week. This letter is just to support your child's return in September.

It is a long letter so please take the time to read the whole letter so that you find all parts that are relevant to your family. If after reading this letter you need any further guidance, please ring the school office on 332425.

To effectively manage the risks that remain, there will be some changes. We have worked very hard to keep these to a minimal however, for this to work effectively, we ask that you support us fully in following these changes.

We continue to ask that you do not send your child to school if they or anyone in their household has any COVID-19 symptoms. The isolation guidance set by the government must be followed. We also continue to ask that if your child or a member of their family present with symptoms that the family arrange and take a COVID-19 test before returning to school. We can support you with this if necessary.

Key vocabulary to help you navigate through all the information:

FS2 - Foundation Stage 2. Nursery and Early Years are referred to as the Foundation Stage. This is then split into Nursery being stage 1 and their first year in school being stage 2. In some schools, their first year in school is also referred to as Reception.

KS1 - Key Stage 1. Key Stage One is Year 1 and Year 2, traditionally known as the infants.

KS2 - Key Stage 2. Key Stage Two is years 3, 4, 5 and 6, traditionally known as the juniors.

Classes and Teaching Staff for 2020/2021

Year	Class Name	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistants	
N	Tiny Acorns	Becky Butterworth - room lead	Nicky Farthing, Andrea Whiteley and Michelle Watkins	
	Little Ferns	Mrs Nolan - Nursery manager	Sarah Cunningham and Megan Harris	
FS2	Avebury	Miss O'Sullivan	Mrs Griffiths	Mrs Azevedo and Miss Chase
	Uffington	Miss Lanham	Mrs Upton	
Y1	Tintagel	Mrs Barder	Mrs Payne	
	Loch Ness	Mrs Curtis and Mrs Cole	Miss Stacey	
Y2	Northern Lights	Miss Modasia	Mrs Hall	
	Olympus	Mrs Rouse and Miss Lester	Mrs Witherington and Mrs Barrett	
Y3	Colosseum	Miss Evans	Miss Connell	
	Eiffel	Miss Moxham	Mrs Hobbs	
Y4	Kalahari	Miss Banks and Mrs Critchley	Mrs Barton	
	Zambezi	Miss Salamanca	Mrs Murphy	
	Madagascar	Miss Jones	Miss Curnock	
Y5	Amazon	Mrs Storey	Miss Francis	
	Andes	Mr Truman	Mrs Uzzell	
Y6	Barrier Reef	Mrs Billingham and Mrs Mann	Mrs Mansfield	
	Uluru	Mrs Hulin and Mrs Humphrey	Mrs Frost	

Teacher Training Days

Teacher training days are days when the school is shut to all children and allows for staff training. There are 195 days of school each year; six of these days are available for professional training. The headteacher and governors of each school set five of these days and the Blue Kite Trust set one of the days.

The teacher training days for the new academic year are:

Tuesday 1st September

Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October

Monday 4th January

Monday 7th June



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2020 – 2021 SWINDON

Teacher Training Days - school closed to children.

	August/September					October					November					December				
Monday	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	

	January					February					March					April				
Monday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26
Tuesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27
Wednesday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28
Thursday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	

	May					June					July					August/September				
Monday	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		1	7	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29

Bank and Public Holidays 2020/2021		
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2020	Term 1
Christmas Day Holiday	25 December 2020	=37
Boxing Day Holiday	28 December 2020	Term 2
New Years Holiday	01 January 2021	=35
Good Friday	02 April 2021	Term 3
Easter Monday	05 April 2021	=30
May Day Holiday	03 May 2021	Term 4
Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021	=29
Summer Bank Holiday	30 August 2021	Term 5
		=29
	Bank Holiday	Term 6
	School Holiday	=35

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Breakfast and After School Club

From September, we will be reopening our Breakfast and After School clubs. Your child must be pre-booked onto any session as with the current COVID-19 restrictions it will be extremely important that we know not only our numbers but also, the year groups the children attending are in, to support the grouping we will be using at school. Children who attend either club will be placed into the following groups FS2 children together, Year 1 and Year 2 children together, Year 3 and Year 4 children together and Year 5 and Year 6 children together. To book onto a session for breakfast and / or after school club please log onto ParentPay and pre-book the week before.

Drop Off and Pick Up from School

Access to the school will open at 8.30a.m. Before this time, there will only be access to Breakfast club children. Children will not be able to arrive at school any earlier than this time, as we will not be allowing children to play and congregate before school.

School will be open for drop off between 8.30a.m. and 8.45 a.m. At 8.45a.m. all school doors will shut so that the school building is secure. After this time, you will need to enter school via the main school office. Please note that if you are late and you are on the Ferndale road side of the building you will need to walk round the outside of the school perimeter to access the school reception off of Wiltshire Avenue, you will not be able to cross through the school grounds to get to the school office.

Parents will not be allowed into the school building. As is the current set up, the adult dropping off will be asked to say goodbye to their child at the school doors or gates (depending on the age of the child). This has worked really well during the current set up with all children and has really helped develop their independence. Please speak to your child beforehand so they are prepared to go into school by themselves. Children will not be able to leave their bikes or scooters at school.

To allow easy transition into school and avoid congestions we still ask that one adult takes and drops off your child/ren and that if the adult is not the normal adult you let the class teacher and office know along with passing on drop off and pick up points to them.

If you have more than one child, please use the drop off point for your youngest child. The older child/ren will be able to enter school at that point too and walk through the school building to their class.

Each class will have the following pick up and drop off points (there is a map below to show you where these points are:

Child's class for September	Drop off and pick up point	Side of school to access these points
Nursery	Enter via gate by the side of the forest	Wiltshire Avenue
Avebury and Uffington	Courtyard doors	Ferndale Road
Tintagel and Loch Ness	The door past the courtyard towards the main playground - Y1 cloakroom doors	Ferndale Road
Northern Lights and Olympus	The red door opposite Fernbrook	Ferndale Road
Colosseum and Eiffel	The door leading into the link way corridor	Ferndale Road
Madagascar, Kalahari and Zambezi	KS2 playground gates	Wiltshire Avenue
Amazon and Andes	KS1 playground - main school door before the Nursery mobile	Gate and walkway between the church and Fernbrook
Barrier Reef and Uluru	Gate by the side of the forest for Barrier Reef Gate by the side of the main school office for Uluru	Wiltshire Avenue

Please note you cannot cross through the school site from one side to another, you will have to walk round the outside perimeter of the school.

If you need to communicate with the class teacher there will be a member of staff at each drop off and pick up point who can pass any messages on for you or you will be able to email/phone the school as you have been doing during this current period.

We ask that where possible any communication with the school office is done over the phone or via email.

By following this set up, we have not had to stagger start and finish times, therefore not impacting on any child's learning or your need to get to work at a set time. Please note if this set up cannot be followed by all families we will have to consider a staggered start and finish time.

School Dinners









Hot meal provision will resume in September however to make sure all COVID-19 guidance can be followed most children will be eating in their classrooms. Hot lunches will be collected by an adult and taken back to the class. Classroom tables will be disinfected before and after lunch. An updated menu will be put on ParentPay as soon as it is finalised. As always, children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal each day under the universal infant free school meal scheme. Children in Year 3 - Year 6 who are eligible for free school meals continue to be entitled to this. For all other children, meals can be purchased for £2.10 per day; this can be done by logging into ParentPay and pre-booking the week before.

Snack at Break Times

Free fruit and vegetables that are normally provided for all FS2 and KS1 children will not be restarting in September. We will also not be selling tuck shop items to KS2 children. Therefore, if you wish your child to have a snack at break time then this will need to be provided from home. These snacks can be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

All children will need to bring in their own water bottle for drinking during the school day, please make sure their water bottle has their name on. This needs to be filled with water only. If your child would like a drink of juice, this must be kept in their lunchbox and drunk at lunchtime only with their meal.

General Information

-  In line with the government and DFE guidelines children will spend most of their school day with their class group but, to allow for full interventions, break and lunchtimes etc. children will work in year group bubbles, these will be referred to as their 'consistent groups'.
-  Children will not be allowed to bring in their own pencil cases and stationary from home, this includes any toys or show and tell
-  Assemblies will be taking place but these will be recorded and delivered in classrooms
-  We cannot say yet whether parents evening, Christmas productions etc. can go ahead, we will be guided by the Government and DFE on this
-  PE lessons will continue so please send your child to school with their PE kit
-  Apart from Nursery and FS2 desks in classes will be forward facing and children will sit side by side rather than facing each other
-  Extra-curricular clubs will restart during term 1 and further information will be sent out at the start of September about these. They will not be in place for at least the first two weeks of September.
-  Attendance, as stated by the government is compulsory for September. If your child is absent for any reason you will need to ring the school office as soon as possible to inform us of the reason why. All absences have to be recorded and are looked at by our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

Supporting Your Child

As a parent, there are many ways that you can support your child in the coming weeks and as they prepare to return to school in September. First, please talk to them about what it will be like when they return. Talk about the changes that they will see. Answer their questions and reassure them that the staff and you will support them through this time. The most important thing is that your child is looking forward to their return to school and is physically and emotionally ready e.g. by ensuring home routines such as bed times enable a positive transition to full time schooling in September. Be excited about new uniform or school bags. Talk about looking forward to seeing their friends.

If you have any concerns about your child returning to school in September please do not hesitate in either emailing or phoning the school. This letter along with other information shared is available on the school website under the Coronavirus tab.

We very much look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Kind regards



Miss Liz Horrobin
Headteacher

PTO for a school map

Map of Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

