



Dear parents and carers,

I can't express in words how good it is to have everyone back! Thank you to all our parents for their fantastic positivity and patience yesterday morning, allowing me to *meet and greet* and welcome each one of our families back into school and for supporting the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe - even when getting drenched in the torrential downpour that ended our first day back! Knowing the one way system and routine, this morning's arrival was calm and orderly, despite the sudden rain-burst. We have endeavoured to make the school site as 'child friendly' as we can to reduce any anxiety for those children who have not been in school since March, whilst ensuring the protective measures needed are in place, including lots of handwashing and sanitising!

We had so many smiles and giggles in school yesterday. The children have definitely missed seeing their friends and their teachers and so it was heart-warming to see them back together, albeit in Base 'bubbles'. The teachers were as excited as the children! Your children were great at listening and following instructions to help get the new routines in place. We anticipate it will take a little while for the changes to become their 'new norm' but if yesterday was anything to go by, they'll be getting the hang of it very quickly. After lunch we had our first whole school assembly by Zoom - and got the chance to wave and say 'hi' to each other in the school via the video link...another 'new norm' and shared a lovely story called 'Don't worry, Little Crab' about a crab stepping out into the big sea, just like our children stepping back into school.

IMPORTANT

Yesterday was day one of our 'new norm back to school'. Please can you ensure that, going forward, you do continue to follow our protective measures: supporting our staggered arrival and drop off times and keeping to those for your child; following the white spot markers for our one way system; social distancing; not standing and chatting in and outside our school site. They are **all** in place to keep **everyone** safe by keeping the often 'hidden' virus out of school and out of our community so that all our children can be back in school and our families can return to work with confidence.

Entry to school via MUGA gate	Drop off	Pick up
Little Wrens Mrs Turner/Mrs Agnew	9.00-9.10	3.00 (3.15 only if a sibling in B1, B2, B3, B4, B5)
Base 1 Mrs Dopierala/ Mrs Winward	8.45-9.05	<p>More than one child in family - pick up from 3.15 but try to be closer to 3.15.</p> <p>Where a child is the only child in a family in school - pick up is at 3.30</p>
Base 2 Miss McKinnon / Mrs Griffin	8.45-9.05	
Base 3 Mr Lindop	8.45-9.00	
Base 4 Mrs Charlesworth / Mrs Wimpenny	8.45-9.00	
Base 5 Miss Phillips/Mrs Clarke	8.35-8.55	

Our new children and their school families

A very big 'hello' and a warm welcome to: Daisy, Hugo, Teddy and Amelie and our children from Little Wrens, who all started 'big school' and YR, yesterday. We give a warm welcome, too, to Jesse into Y6; Oliver into Y3 and to all our new Little Wrens. We look forward to welcoming Pedro into YR and Poppy in to Y1 shortly. We hope you and your families very quickly feel part of our ever growing Wrenbury School family. How lovely that so many want to be part of what we know and love about our school!

New staff

Our staff grows too! I want to give a warm welcome to Mrs Laura Turner who joins us as teacher in Little Wrens; Ms Sammy Stonebrook, who will be working alongside Nic Pegram in The Nest and to Mr Dan Bean as a teaching assistant in Year 6. Welcome to the Wrenbury Team.

Thank yous

As always, I must say some huge thank yous to:

- The Wrenbury Team – teachers, assistants, support (office, caretaking, cleaning, middays and kitchen) for the fantastic behind the scenes work that you have undertaken during lockdown / school closure and during summer break to support our children and families and to be so well-prepared for the start of term and to welcome back our children.
- Sarah Goodwin, who is about to finish her mammoth fundraising and has raised the equally mammoth amount of £4,300! Absolutely amazing, Sarah – thank you!
- Joe Kelly for all his offers of support during school closure ; it has been very much appreciated.
- Tom Robinson and Josh Walker; Steve Harding and John for offering their support and help on Bank Holiday Monday morning alongside Joe
- Cath Mansfield for her treat tins to bolster the staff - your fudge was divine... and didn't last long!
- Community PCO Sharon Jones for her support with ensuring our school and community are safe places for our children and families – and joining me at *meet and greet* yesterday.
- The governors for their commitment and support and making time to attend the extra meetings to ensure we were able to open confidently; particularly to Jenny Davies, our chair of governors, for being my 'critical friend and sounding board' and to Rachel Bulkeley for taking time to walk the school with me to see the changes put in place and provide greater scrutiny.
- All our parents for the **amazing work** you have done with your children at home, providing them with some wonderful learning experiences, developing their interests and importantly spending time together – the vast majority have come back, as we had hoped, **'happy and ready to continue their learning journey'**. *For those who have found being away from school hard or have found the lock down situation more challenging – we do understand, we are here for you and are ready to listen should you wish to share.*

The Colour Monster is proving to be a very useful 'tool' in helping our children share their feelings and for us to support the children. We are already seeing black (for worried) colour monsters turning yellow (for happy) and green (for calm).

Please:

- update and return promptly the **information collecting sheets** being sent out today.
- **do follow our healthy eating/ healthy drinks advice for school snacks and lunches...** some children seem to be eating rather a lot of chocolate and crisps!
- **read the update email about lunch boxes**

Many thanks to all our Wrenbury families for your continued support of myself and the Wrenbury Team.

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