



7th September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are very pleased to welcome all of our pupils back to school. There have been many changes in line with government guidance. These have been communicated to you via Parent Mail. If you haven't received these, please see our school website.

School website/Facebook Page/Class Dojo/Text

We use lots of ways to keep parents informed on school matters. The website address is: www.ashbourneprimary.co.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook for news and events and sign up to Class Dojo for regular updates from the teachers. Please ensure that you inform the school office if you have changed your mobile number or if you no longer wish to receive text messages.

Starting School

The times of day are staggered in line with government guidance. This is a temporary measure but it is important that the children arrive on time for school as learning will start immediately.

Year group	Start time	End time	Entry/exit
Miss Toone's class	8:45- 8:55	3:10-3:15	Back gate/small playground
1/2ET	8:45 – 8:55	3:10 – 3:15	Back gate/small playground
2DT	8:45 – 8:55	3:10 – 3:15	Top gate/side wooden gate by bins
3M and 4C	8:40 – 8:45	3:00 – 3:05	Back gate/ wooden gate by bins
5O, 6D and 6VA	8:30 – 8:35	2:50 – 2:55	Top gate/main entrance

If children ride their bike to school you should ensure that they are wearing a helmet. Bikes and scooters can be stored behind Mrs Durose's classroom.

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What can be brought from home?

It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day. Therefore, only essential items please - lunch boxes, hats, coats, books. Book bags are allowed. No mobile phones or toys.

Morning club

The children can be dropped off between 7:30 and 8am. No later. The cost of this will be £4 and must be booked and paid for on parent pay. Breakfast items can be purchased for 30p an item.

After school club

There are places for a maximum of 20 pupils. This is also booked on parent pay for £8 and will run until 5:30pm. This will include food.

Attendance and fines

The government have stated that it is vital for all children to return to school.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

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Diary dates

7th September – INSET day
8th September – Year 5 and 6 pupils return to school and pupils in year 1-4 with surnames A- J
9th September – Year 1 -4 pupils with surnames K-Z return to school
23rd September – 6D forest school
24th September – 6VA forest school
30th September - 5O forest school
5th October – parents' evening week - further details to follow
7th October – 4C forest school
13th October – 3M forest school
20th October – year 3 and 4 bhangra dancing
21st October – 1/2ET forest school
22nd October – EYFS forest school
22nd October – individual school photographs
23rd October – INSET day

Curriculum

This term, we will have a whole school topic of 'wellbeing'. The infants will focus on kindness and juniors will focus on mindfulness, fitness, healthiness and togetherness. Please see class newsletters for more information.