



17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we come to the end of a rather unusual year, I would like to thank you as parents for supporting the school over the last few months. I hope that you manage to have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing all the children back in September. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff for providing a fun-filled curriculum-in school and remotely- whilst adhering to all the Government guidance that has been released over the last few months. Thank you to our governing body for supporting the school throughout this difficult period. Finally, a massive thank you to our children for the resilience they have shown in adapting to their new education- you have made us all proud! The staff have seen quite a few of our children over the last few months but I know they cannot wait to have their full class in September.

As parents, you have already received the Trust's Guide for Parents and Carers which goes in some way to explaining how we are preparing for a return to school with as few risks to everyone's health as possible. The information is based on government guidance issued on 2 July, which you can access at: <https://bit.ly/3fe9ovh> . We will, however, review the guidance and issue another guide to you – amended if necessary – shortly before the start of the new term.

I would like to reinforce the Trust's view that the first half term back will be about reconnecting the children with their school, their teachers and their friends with an emphasis on pastoral considerations as well as academic. Please talk to your child/ren about the return to school so that they are prepared for some things being different from what they experienced before lockdown. There will remain a focus on hygiene and 'bubble/class' groups will be organised to help minimise risks.

We will be welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 8th September.**

### **Staffing and Classrooms:**

The staff throughout the week, will be as follows:

EYFS/Year 1 Mrs Wrightson, Mrs Loney and Mrs Davis  
Year 2/3: Mrs Owens  
Year 4/5/6 Mrs Prosser

### **Start and End of the Day:**

#### **EYFS/Year 1**

EYFS will access and exit each day through the small gate. The start of the day is from **8:45 to 8:55am** Pick up time will be **3:30pm**. Please make sure that you adhere to the drop off/pick up times to minimise contact with other parents.



### **Yr2/3**

Please use the one way system through the main gates and main entrance. Drop off time will be from **8:45 till 9am** Pick up time is from **3:30pm** from the main entrance. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome your child into the building and see your child out at the end of the day.

### **Yr 4/5/6**

Please use the one way system through the main gates and main entrance to drop off your child. Drop off time is from **8:45 till 9am**

Pick up time is at **3:30pm**. Children will exit from the classroom into the playground.

Please maintain distancing at all times. A member of staff will be at the door to welcome your child into the building and see your child out at the end of the day.

### **Contacting School**

It is vital that we as a school continue to monitor our procedures to ensure that we can keep everyone as safe as possible. With this in mind, we will be minimise the number of people that come into school. If you have any information that you would like the school to know, please either email us on **admin.sig@ebor.academy** or call us on **01964 533770**.

If an appointment is needed, Mrs Conlon will book one for you.

We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

### **Breakfast Club**

This provision will begin again in the second week of term. This will be from Monday 14th September 2020. Please enter the premises via the main entrance as normal.

### **Lunchtimes**

School dinners will be provided as normal. Mrs Conlon has circulated the new menu via Parenthub. Please book meals on a weekly basis providing payment in an envelope at the start of the week. The cost of the meal remains the same at £2.40 per day. Children in EYFS and Year 1-2 continue to be eligible for an Infant Free School Meal booked by your child in class each morning.

We are unable to provide toast at break times at the moment so if you wish, a healthy snack can be brought to school instead.

### **School Uniform**

Usual Sigglesthorne school uniform will apply from September. They do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods that are different from normal. Children will also need their PE kits as normal in September.

### **Equipment**

School will provide your child with all the equipment needed to access lessons and to minimise sharing. Children will need their PE bags from September.

### **Online Learning**

Online learning has been a blessing over the last few months and I have been in awe at all the different activities the staff have found to post. I hope you have found the

home learning tasks useful but I think everyone is ready for a break over the Summer. Therefore, there will be no online homework set from Friday 17th July. Thank you to parents and children for your participation and enthusiasm!

### **Attendance**

It is vital for our children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. The government insists 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. We recognise, however, that many parents and carers have understandable concerns about returning to school. Please contact us via email or telephone in order for us to support you in this matter. We will continue to implement heightened hygiene awareness, regular hand washing and regular cleaning of all surfaces, classrooms, public areas and toilets as maintaining hygiene is of utmost importance.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. I will send another letter out nearer to our return to school, in the meantime, have a lovely Summer and we will see you soon.

Kind regards,  
Victoria Tippett and all the staff at Sigglesthorne

