

8th October 2020

Dear all

As we near the end of our initial '6-week plan' we need to inform you of the next phase of the school year. For the first 6 weeks pupils have been completing a 'Reconnect and Recovery curriculum'. This means that alongside ensuring children are confident with all of the content they should have covered since March we have been completing diagnostics to assess where gaps in learning still exist. In addition to this we have ensured there has been a mindfulness activity and some physical exercise every day so that we look after their mental well-being too. Movement around school has been limited to mitigate risk, but also because pupils have been with their tutor there has not been the need for additional movement.

Whilst we all would have hoped to return to a standard curriculum at this stage the reality is with the national and local situation, risks have not been reduced enough to feel safe if we returned to 'normality'. We need to ensure that pupils have access to a broad and balanced curriculum but we need to plan for this to be done as safely as possible. Therefore from 19th October the curriculum offer will widen but there will still be restrictions in place.

Outlined below are the changes that you need to be aware of – there are a lot of them so please read carefully!

EQUIPMENT

LUNCH BAGS

This system has worked particularly well in terms of touch points and clutter in the classrooms as we are still unable to use the cloakrooms. This measure will be extended to the end of term (until Christmas).

WATER BOTTLES

The same measures will remain in place.

STATIONERY

The same measures will remain in place – we will provide all equipment.

SCHOOL BAGS

The same measures will remain in place – no bags allowed in school.

UNIFORM

TRAINERS

Due to the curriculum offer we are allowing pupils to wear trainers for the remainder of the term (until Christmas). They are still expected to wear black or grey socks/tights in line with our uniform policy.

PE KIT

The new curriculum will see pupils accessing PE lessons with a specialist. There will now be 2 days a week when your child will need to come in with their PE kit on. Pupils may only wear a BMS school hoodie or rugby shirt.

PE days for Years 5 and 6 are MONDAY and WEDNESDAY.

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PROVISION

TRIPS

Given the current climate we are not able to run trips or school clubs at this point.

MUSIC TUITION

Peripatetic music teachers will not attend school.

VISITORS

Visitors to the school are by appointment only and only where a virtual meeting cannot be held.

CAR PARK

This will remain closed.

However on rainy days (not drizzly!) we will open for **morning** drop off ONLY.

START AND END OF DAY

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The time for the start of the day will reduce - the window for drop off will be 8.30am – 8.50am

END OF DAY

Arrangements will remain the same.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

The current cohort for AM/PM club finishes on 16th October. If you are booked in for before or after school provision your entitlement will STOP on the 16th and you NEED TO sign up again.

Sign up for the next round of sessions (19th October -18th December) will open at 8am on 12th October. The **deadline** for sign up will be Wednesday 14th October at 11am.

Spaces for this provision are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

Due to demand and additional costs we will need to charge for this provision – this will be reviewed in December.

You do not have to attend each session – you will only be charged for the days you attend.

After school club will be available daily from 3.15pm 4.30pm (4pm on a Friday)

Prices:

AM club £3 per session

PM club £3 per session if pick up is before 3.35pm. £6 per session if collected after 3.45pm.

Payment will be made weekly in arrears by ParentPay.

Pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding will not need to pay.

Booking will be available on Monday 12th October from 8am A link will be on the home page of the catlive website: www.catlive.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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