



... the sky's OUR limit!

Ridgeway Primary School

Grange Road
Chasetown
Staffordshire
WS7 4TU

Telephone 01543 510470

Fax 01543 510475

Headteacher: Mrs. J. Jelves

Dear Parents

02/09/2020

We hope that you found your Meet the Teacher Appointment useful. Staff tell me that that they very much enjoyed chatting with you and your child and that the whole process was very valuable.

Just a few reminders for tomorrow to ensure that our first two days back go as smoothly as possible.

The following information applies to pupils in Nursery and Reception. I will send a separate email relating Years 1 - 6.

Tomorrow we begin welcoming children back into school. On Thursday and Friday this week your child will attend for either a morning or afternoon session only. We ask that parents adhere to the drop off and collection times stated and only use the dedicated entrance for your child's class:

Children in Nursery will have been allocated either a morning or afternoon session.	9.15am	11.15am	Blue Classroom door on Sunbeams Playground <i>Enter from main gate onto the Nursery playground; leave down steps on the Reception playground and out through Lawnswood gate</i>
	1pm	3pm	

Children in Acorns Class and Conkers Class will have been allocated either a morning or afternoon session.	9.30am	11.30am	White Classroom Doors on Reception Playground <i>Enter from main gate onto the Reception playground ; leave down the steps and out through Lawnswood gate</i>
	12.30pm	2.30pm	

Initially these were planned as 'Stay and Play' sessions, where parents would have been invited into the classroom to carry out some activities with your child. Clearly in the current climate we unfortunately cannot do this. Therefore we are asking that just your child comes to school for these sessions and spends some time exploring their classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: The 'Sibling Drop off' time of 9am, CANNOT be used for these two days. Your child must attend at their specified time.

From Monday 7th September, parents may use the sibling drop off, via the hall doors, we request that parents only use this if there is **MORE** than a 10 minute gap between their children's entrance times. This is to ensure that we limit the number of families using this time to ensure we can adhere to the social distancing measures. We ask for your cooperation in this.

Please be prompt for arrival (but not early to avoid waiting around).

Please adhere to the one way system around school. We appreciate that some parents with pushchairs may not be able to do this depending on where they need to go. In this instance we ask that parents with pushchairs are mindful of traffic coming in the opposite direction and that they maintain social distancing.

A further reminder that only **ONE** parent should be dropping off and collecting and that all parents while on the school site **MUST** wear a face mask. If more than one parent comes to school, we ask that the second parent waits outside the school gate to limit the number of people on site at any one time.

The government has updated its guidance on the use of face masks. The use of face coverings in schools, by primary age children, is not recommended. If your child wears a face mask on their journey to school, this will need to be removed on entry by either the parent or the child themselves. Staff on doors will not be able to help with this. There will be bins, with lids, on all entrances where disposable masks can be placed. Once the mask has been removed then the child will need to hand sanitise immediately. If your child wears a re-useable mask, this can be removed on entry and taken home by the parent. If the child comes to school alone, they **MUST** bring a re-sealable plastic bag to place the mask in once it has been removed and then again hand sanitise. This bag must then be placed inside the child's school bag and must not be taken out again during the school day. If your child does not have a re-sealable plastic bag, then unfortunately the mask will need to be disposed of in the bin with the disposable masks.

There are hand sanitising points on all entrances, and all classrooms have hand sanitiser bottles. The cleaning of hands and hand washing will be a regular feature throughout the school day.

Please remember, if you have been on holiday in the last three weeks to one of the countries which have implemented quarantine measures, it is important that your child completes their 14 day self isolation before returning to school.

Finally, and most importantly, if your child is demonstrating any symptoms of COVID-19, it is important that they do not come to school until they have had a test. If the test is negative, then your child can return to school. If the test is positive then your child (and the whole house hold) will need to self isolate for 14 days before returning. It is of the upmost importance that we all adhere to this to ensure the safety of all children and staff in school and to prevent a local lockdown where school may need to close.

We look forward to welcoming our children back tomorrow.

Kind Regards

Jo Jelves

Headteacher