

**What happens at dinner time?** We have staggered all dinner times in school. YN, Y3 & Y4 will be eating in classrooms (with full cleaning) and YR Y1 & Y2 in the dining hall. Hot dinners will be served from the canteen or taken up to classrooms. Y3 & Y4 will need to choose their lunch from the menu and let the office know by Friday for the following week. All Children can bring a packed lunch from home if preferred.

**How do I contact the school?** Unfortunately the school office will be by appointment only. Please telephone or email us if you have any questions. Classes also have their own class email if you need to ask the teachers any information. Each class will be sending out a weekly newsletter with weekly updates and learning.



**Will there be clubs an offer school?** In order to minimise the number of visitors in school we are not holding any after school clubs initially in the Autumn term. We will let you know when we can resume these as soon as possible.



**Will there be class plays and productions?** The guidance states that for now there cannot be large gatherings or performances. We are very much a creative school and this is a big part of our school ethos! We are therefore introducing a new talent show that will take place remotely —more details will follow!



**What will my child be learning in school? .**

We are very aware of the effect that this pandemic has had on our children. In light of this, we have planned what has been called a 'recovery curriculum' for the first half term in September. This will involve the children being given the chance to explore their feelings and any worries, catch up on skills missed during lockdown, practise the methods we use to help them develop good mental health and also to teach them how to learn again. For more information see the curriculum pages on our website.



# Meadows First School



## Parent Information September 2020

We are really excited to be preparing for a full return to school in September welcoming back all of our children and of course, our new starters in Nursery and Reception. We have put together a list of frequently asked questions which we hope will help you with the changes to procedures in school ready for September.



**What can my child wear to school?** School uniform will be required as usual in September., except on days where the children have PE or Forest School, For PE the children will need to come ready dressed in outside PE kits (joggers/ spare trainers/ sweat shirts etc). They will need a set of trainers kept in school for PE. For Forest School, they will wear their warm Forest school clothing with easy to fasten shoes. Their wellies will be kept in school for use. You will need to provide them with waterproof jackets and trousers as we cannot share our school ones. All shoes need to be easy to fasten (Velcro) if children cannot tie their laces because teachers will not be able to help them.

**What does my child need to bring to school?** Children only need to bring in their book bag into school on **MONDAYS & FRI-DAYS** for their reading books to be issued/ collected in (see below). They will bring in a clean named water bottle each day and a lunchbox (if having a packed lunch). They will need their coat. **(No rucksacks or large back packs in school) please).**



**Where do I go at the start and end of the day?** The car park is **not to** be used for dropping off or for collecting. Gates will be locked for the safety of the children. We have staggered times for each year group to minimise risk of overcrowding where possible. For Reception, Year 1 and Year2 there is a one way system from the service road into Y1 playground, through to year R playground and out via the Nursery gate. **Follow the arrows!** We politely ask parents to adhere to their times. We can only have one adult accompanying their child to school. Children will need to enter the classrooms by themselves as we cannot allow parents in classrooms at present. **The school office is for appointments only.**



**Will there be any wrap around care for my child?** YR to Y4 use Castle Kids for before and after care. We have been in consultation with them ready for September. They will manage this by keeping children in separate halls where possible (between year groups and schools to minimise risk) Please contact Castle Kids for updated information. Nursery offer-in school wrap around from 8.30-9 and from 3- 3.30 payable in school. Please contact the school office to book these sessions if needed.



**What happens if my child is ill?** If you suspect COVID symptoms you must adhere to government guidelines, and inform the school so that we can follow the Government's Test and Trace guidance. If your child is sick we have a 48 hour policy in school (2 free days of sickness before they return to school) . We will telephone parents for immediate collection if your child falls ill in school. You must telephone the school in the morning if you are keeping your child off school due to illness.



**What happens to reading, planners and homework?** In order to minimise risk, we are trying to avoid physical paper copies being transferred from school to home as much as possible. Children will bring home reading books on a Monday; these will need to stay at home until Friday. They will return all books on Fridays by putting them into a box in the classroom to be left for 72 hours. Parents are asked to fill in the reading records/ planners for the children and send these into school on a **Friday ONLY**. Teachers will be able to stamp the records and return them to children with their new books on Mondays. Homework will be posted on the website and via a weekly class newsletter. There will be no paper homework initially.

**Can I send in money to school?** School will continue to operate Parent Pay—so please no money

