



Welcome Back



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Welcome back to Meadows. It has been wonderful to have the children back in school this week, and I hope they have enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers. They have settled down so well into school life, and the happy and busy atmosphere is back at Meadows! I would like to also welcome our new starters; we are so pleased to welcome you all to the school! This feels a very different start to a term, but I want to assure you that we are totally committed to providing the same outstanding, nurturing environment for the children, so that they can continue to thrive in our care.

As you can imagine, there has been a lot of preparation to welcome everyone back safely. A special thank you to the staff, especially the office staff, and the governors for their support during the summer holidays to ensure that everything was ready for the children. All procedures that have been put into place in school are designed to keep the staff, children, and their families as safe as possible. Our aim is to minimise the risk of transmission, so children are being kept in class bubbles. We are trying to keep the amount of items transferring between home and school to a minimum; hence, the majority of letters and correspondence will be sent via email. All transition times in school are being staggered to avoid congestion in areas such as corridors and playgrounds. We are trialling a one way system when children arrive and leave school to avoid congestion on the narrow paths. Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their support in being punctual and not staying on the school site before and after school. We will evaluate how successful the procedures have been after the first full week and we will make adjustments if necessary.

At present, although we cannot invite parents in to school we are still here to help. The class email system has been continued to support parents if they need to contact their child's class teacher (e.g. owls@meadows.worcs.sch.uk). If you do need to talk to someone in the office, please make an appointment via the school office email (office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk).

PE

The children should have been informed of their PE days; we would like them to wear their PE kit to school on these days so that the kit can be taken home and washed each time it has been worn. On PE days they can come to school in their school shoes or spare trainers; we have asked for a pair of trainers to be kept in school so that if they get muddy during PE sessions, they will have other shoes to change into. In wet weather, we will refrain from doing outdoors PE so that the children will not have to stay in damp clothes for the day.

Book bags: the children will only need to bring books bags into school on Mondays and Fridays (Monday-in order to collect their books for the week, and Fridays when they return their books and their planners/reading records to be checked). The reason we are doing this is to reduce transmission between home and school.

Our priority in the first instance is the well being of our children. We will spend the first few weeks supporting them in settling into new routines and structure, as well as continuing to support learning. Our drive to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum will continue. The teachers are in the process of updating the class pages of the website and have added details of the topics being covered this half term.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks and please do not hesitate to contact me if you are anxious about anything. Enjoy your weekend!

To support your understanding of children returning to school, the government has produced leaflets for parents.

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools-/resources/parents-leaflets/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

School Gates

Please note that the gates will be locked between 8.30 – 9.15 am and 2.55 – 3.30 pm.