

Friday 14th August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter of 21st July 2020 (copy on the website)

I hope you are enjoying the good weather, although as I write this letter, it's about to rain. Since my last letter, I think the Government are determined that all schools will re-open from September 2020. I have reviewed all of the information that comes from Government and the Local Authority and believe that there is no need to amend our risk assessment and that the plans we have made, and shared with you, will operate when your child(ren) return to Guillemont.

So, to summarise and clarify from the previous communication:

Please read the overview that you were sent on 21st July 2020.

The information about Southwood Infant School start/end times have been corrected

YrR in 8.50am to 9.00am out 3.00pm to 3.10pm

Yr1 in 8.40 to 8.50am out 2.50pm to 3.00pm

Yr2 in 8.30am to 8.40am out 2.40pm to 2.50pm.

Term starts for Yr5 children on Tuesday 8th September 2020. Only Yr3 will be in school on the Monday.

The school will open at 8.20am. If you accompany your child(ren) to school, please leave them at the Sandy Lane double gate. Only one adult accompanying a child in Yr3 can enter the grounds in the mornings. The Pinewood gate will be closed every morning until further notice.

If you can walk to school, please do so. Remember that the kiss and drop bays will be closed and the staff car park gates locked until further notice.

Children only need to bring their lunch box (if they have a packed lunch), a water bottle, a PE kit and a Guillemont book bag. No ruck sacks or personal items until further notice.

We will have to operate a staggered end to the day until further notice. Please collect your child(ren) from the small playground at 3.10pm. There will be three zones, one for each class. The class teacher will accompany the children to your zone. Once you are re-united, please exit through the Sandy Lane double gate - the Pinewood gate is not to be used because they are part of the one-way system used by Yr3 and Yr4.

If your child is in the Resourced Provision, Mrs Waldron will have contacted you directly about the first day.

From Tuesday 8th September 2020, the whole school returns. There will be over 360 children in school from Tuesday onwards. Your arrangements (drop-offs and pick-ups) will remain in place until further notice. Only parents of Yr3 children will enter the school grounds in the mornings. No parent or carer can enter the school building – you cannot accompany your child to the classrooms. Yr3 children will also leave the school at 3.10pm so it's really important that you keep to the routine and use the one-way system. Please remember to socially distance at the end of the day and leave as promptly as possible.

There will be a newsletter sent home on Friday 4th September 2020 with any necessary amendments/updates.

The school office re-opens from Thursday 3rd September 2020 if you need any help.

Denis Foster (Headteacher)