



Frome Valley First School

Keep in Touch Newsletter



March 8th Return to School

Dear All,

As you will know, the Government has informed schools that they can open to all classes from March 8th 2021. We are looking forward to welcoming all children back on this date. All schools are following DfE guidance on how to keep your child safe at school and how to minimise the risk of your child returning to school. On the 8th March we will return to learning 'bubbles' with each class being its own learning bubble. Once in school, children will only have contact with other children in their bubble/class. Children will return to school in their school uniform, as normal. Our Breakfast Club and After School Club (Happy Valley) will both reopen on the 8th March. Booking forms have been sent out to parents that normally use Happy Valley.

Drop Off and Pick Up Times

We will return to staggered drop off and pick up times for each year group. Please support us in keeping all children and staff safe by ensuring that you remain 2m apart from other children and parents when on the school site. Please wear a face mask while on the school site. Children **must not** play on outside school equipment. This is because we cannot share equipment from different bubbles or year groups. Please keep to the times given. There will be an adult at the entrance during the 10 minute pick up and drop off time. As soon as we see you, your child can enter/leave the school.

To limit the number of people on the school site, we ask that **only one parent** brings their child to school and picks them up. We also ask that parents walk to school as much as possible. Please remember that children will need to enter the school by themselves as no parent will be allowed into the school building. We also ask that you leave the school site as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child(ren). Here's a reminder of drop off and pick up times:

	Drop off time	Pick up time	Entrance
Preschool	9.00-9.10	2.50-3.00	The green gate that leads into the Preschool enclosed play area.
Reception	8.40-8.50	3.10-3.20	The door by the Reception classroom.
Year 1	8.40-8.50	3.10-3.20	The normal double doors from the playground.
Year 2	8.30-8.40	3.20-3.30	The normal double doors from the playground.
Year 3	8.40-8.50	3.10-3.20	The Year 3&4 double doors by Year 4.
Year 4	8.30-8.40	3.20-3.30	The Year 3&4 double doors by Year 4.

School Lunches

Don't forget that you will need to book hot school meals for your child through Local Food Links if your child normally has hot school meals. **Please remember that orders need to be made seven days in advance.**

Change to INSET Day

Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on **Friday 28th May**. This is the rescheduled INSET day from **Friday 12th February**.

What if I am worried about my child returning to school

Without doubt, there are still going to be some parents that are worried about sending their child to school, especially if their child has an underlying health issue. There may also be parents that are concerned about their child's mental wellbeing or behaviour. We are very happy to have individual conversations with you about your child. Please do ring the school to talk to the Headteacher or the class teacher.

With the vaccination programme continuing to move forward at great speed, more and more people are being vaccinated. We also have lateral flow testing of adults in school twice a week to again minimise the risk of transmission of the disease. We are also minimising the risks through bubbles/extra hand washing and hygiene etc... so that school is as safe as possible.

Over the next four weeks before the Easter holidays, children will have the opportunity to not only continue with their learning but to see and play with their friends. We know, for their mental wellbeing, that this social aspect of school is so important too.

We will also be focusing on the mental wellbeing of our pupils. We know that this lockdown has affected many children (and adults) much more than the previous lockdown. Our focus in our PSHCE lessons, over the next 4-6 weeks, will be on 'hope' and looking forward as well as acknowledging what has happened over the last year.

As always, we are here if you need to speak to us.

Friday 5th March Live Lessons

On Friday 5th March, **there will only be live lessons in the morning**. This is to give staff time, in the afternoon, to prepare the school and their classrooms for the return of all children on Monday 8th March.

World Book Day: Thursday 4th March

Full details of World Book Day and how we are celebrating it are in a separate letter being sent home today. This will also include your World Book day token.