

We will be welcoming back children, parents and staff in September! With a warm welcome also to our new reception intake.

The term is going to be busy as usual and quite different from the norm! There will be a number of changes including... staggered drop off/picks ups using different entrances/exits, staggered playtimes and lunchtimes with designated areas and children and adults have been created into their own little class bubbles.

We are currently putting together a comprehensive covid policy and a set of slides to explain just how TSM will operate from September.

School finishes on Wednesday 22nd July (I know some schools in Felixstowe are finishing on Friday 17th July). On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th teaching staff are spending the first two days of the six week holiday in school to dismantle and prepare all areas for a deep clean and set up classrooms ready for September (pictures of what our classrooms might look like will be added to the slide presentations). Resources have already been purchased to ensure that every child has their own individual pencil case/resources and a drawer for their belongings.

The policy and information slides will be finalised and sent out the week of 26th July 2020.

Mrs Ross

Head teacher

Arrangements for First Days Back

School starts back on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

- ✓ Gates will open from 8.30am (Staggered drop offs- information in policy and slides- to follow)
- ✓ Gates will open at 3.00pm (staggered pick ups- information in policy and slides- to follow)
- ✓ Reception children- Reception door via the main playground
- ✓ Y1 and Y2 children- Key stage 1 entrance via the main playground
- ✓ Y3 children- blue door- ramped door via the side playground
- ✓ Y4 children- blue door- stepped door via the side playground
- ✓ Y5 and Y6 children- blue door- main playground

Supporting our New Reception

Our normal transition has not taken place this year and we are understandably very aware that our new children and parents will need information, support and time to transition into school life. As our first step to ensure both parents and children know who we are, over the six weeks holiday additional information will be sent out to parents, and staff working within the reception class will be reading a story and introducing themselves every week until September. We are currently suggesting that Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September are used as the two induction days which have been missed.

Thursday 3rd September: 9.30am to 11.30am and Friday 4th September: 9.30am to 1pm with lunch.

Over the holidays information will be added to our transition page:

<https://www.trimleystmartinprimaryschool.com/reception-transition.html>

Supporting our Current Reception

To support the transition from Reception to Year 1, over the last 10 weeks Mrs Campbell and Mrs Stockdale have completed training on continuous provision and transition into Year 1. From this we have restructured our Year 1 curriculum to embrace the importance of play and how it supports the more formal learning in Year 1. We have purchased additional resources to allow the children to continue their learning in an environment that in some way mirrors the aspects of learning they have missed during lockdown.

Uniform, Reading & Maths Homework

Children will wear uniform in September, however we will relax our policy slightly, so that on days where uniform may be in the wash, dark trousers/skirts & jumpers/cardigans will be accepted. Plus PE kits will be worn on class PE days. We will reinstate reading, spelling and maths homework through digital platforms like Edshed. More information will be sent out in September.

