

After Easter New Gate Times

What time will my child start and finish?

Everyone will have staggered times according to the house they are in. Please arrive within your slot and leave promptly.

Banksy: 8.45-8.50 & 3.00-3.05

Hamilton: 8.40-8.45 & 2.55-3.00

Hemsworth: 8.55 -9.00 & 3.10-3.15

Rowling: 8.50 -8.55 & 3.05-3.10

How do I find out what house my child is in?

We have previously sent out emails specifically detailing which house your child is in. If you can't remember please call or email the office and they will be able to let you know.

What will happen on a Wednesday afternoon?

On a Wednesday afternoon the school will close from 1.20pm for a deep clean of shared areas and to enable teachers to have their PPA. We will provide childcare for pupils who have working parents. Staggered times for Wednesday afternoons:

Banksy: 1.30-1.35

Hamilton: 1.25-1.30

Hemsworth: 1.40-1.45

Rowling: 1.35-1.40

If your child is attending the wraparound provision your pick up time will be 3.00-3.05pm regardless of their house.

What will happen with Breakfast and Afterschool Club?

The school is running a breakfast club but we will be grouping children according to their school bubbles and they will sit together to eat. We are running 2 start times:

Working parents will be asked to drop off between 7.50am & 8.00am

All other parents will be asked to drop off after 8.10am

Kent Play Clubs are planning to run their paid for after school provision from Term 5. Please contact them for specific details.

There will be **no** enrichment/after school clubs (run by the school) running.

What will happen with Nursery?

Nursery times and sessions are staying the same to enable us to fulfil your 15 hour or 30 hour slots. Please use the Nursery or Reception gates to enter/exit following the one way system to avoid congestion.

How do I come on and off site?

Please follow the guidance and one way systems stated on your letter. These are:

Nursery/Reception: **Enter** - EYFS Gate & **Exit** - Nursery Gate

Year 1: **Enter** - EYFS Gate, walk around school, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate

Year 2: **Enter** - Brown After School Club Gate, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate

Year 3: **Enter** - Small Green Playground Gate, **Exit** - Small Green Playground Gate

Years 4/5/6: **Enter** - Brown After School Club Gate, **Exit** - Main Double Green Playground Gate

Most children from Year 2 up will be able to enter the site without an adult. Please do not enter the site in order to speak to the class teacher unless it is urgent. You will need to send a Seesaw message to them directly or phone/email the office.

What can my child bring to school?

- A water bottle
- Their packed lunch if you are not buying a school lunch
- In years 5 and 6 they may wish to bring their own pencil case (**ONLY** for their use)
- Wet weather wear/change of clothes in case it rains
- There is plenty of sanitiser available on site but children can bring their own if they wish. This will be their responsibility and can not be shared with other children

- We are discouraging mobile phones unless essential for walking to/from school on their own
- You do not need a PE kit at the moment. We will let you know when you do and children will wear this on their PE days (weather permitting).

What will my child wear?

Your child will need a full school uniform except for school shoes, which can be any appropriate footwear (for example trainers) for use outside, including taking part in forest school.

We are strongly advising that you send your child with wellies and wet weather wear including a waterproof mac and waterproof trousers or an all in one rain suit. We will be outside as much as possible as this lowers transmission of the virus. Your child **will not** need a PE kit until your child's class teacher lets you know (as above).

Who will my child be with each day?

Children in Reception and Year 1 will be in Year group bubbles.

Children in Nursery and Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be in class bubbles.

This means the same children will be in the bubble or group for the whole day and will not mix with other groups. The adults will work across the year group.

How will you prevent the spread of Coronavirus?

We have carefully followed the government guidance and created an East Stour Specific Risk Assessment. This mainly focuses on 2 areas: Maintaining distance where possible (mainly older children) and keeping groups as small as possible (bubbles). Handwashing will be often and for at least 20 seconds. Increased and thorough cleaning of all areas, with a focus on shared spaces and equipment. Avoiding large crowds at drop off and pick up and in school at lunchtime.

Can my child wear a mask?

Guidance is clear that once inside the school gates masks should not be worn as they pose an increased risk of spreading infection due to the fact that children tend to fiddle with them and touch their face more often. It is also a very long time to keep them in place. Any masks worn on the journey to school **must** be removed at the gate and stored in a sealable plastic bag (provided by yourselves) and kept in your child's bag during the school day or taken home.

Can I wear a mask?

Parents are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings to drop off and collect their children in line with government guidance. If you wish to engage in conversation with a member of staff, or enter the school building a face covering **must** be worn unless exempt. If you forget your mask there will be spare masks available on the gates, please use these unless you are exempt.

What has changed in school?

We will be once again following the Recovery Curriculum upon return, a KCC endorsed approach to re-engaging children in their learning and school environment and re-establishing friendships. It will address anxiety issues alongside gaps in learning.

Sports may be different as contact sports are discouraged. Outdoor learning will take place as often as possible. Play equipment will be kept within bubbles where possible and frequently washed. Please do not allow children to play on the outdoor play equipment at the end of the day to avoid cross contamination.

Children must once again stay within their class bubbles. This is vital to stop the spread of the virus.

What will happen at lunchtime?

Reception and Year 1 will eat in the hall. All other Year groups will eat in their classrooms. A reduced menu will be on offer with a hot meal, a vegetarian hot meal or a school packed lunch available. These will be paid for as normal. Please avoid paying with cash and use the online system. Your child may prefer to bring their own packed lunch.

What is happening with the toilets?

Most toilets have been assigned to bubbles or year groups. There will be increased cleaning throughout the day and children will be taken in bubbles groups where possible to avoid groups mixing.

How can I speak with my child's teacher?

Messages will need to be sent via the seesaw app or class email or by calling or emailing the school office. Please do not enter the office or classroom unless you have made an appointment.

Will you still be using SeeSaw? How can I find out my login details?

Yes we will be avoiding paper where possible. Please contact your current or new class teacher via email for your log in. Seesaw will be used to provide home learning and make announcements.

What if my child is anxious?

The recovery curriculum is designed to ease and support anxiety and promote resilience. If you feel your child is overly anxious please speak to the SEN team or the class teacher about more targeted and specialist provision,

What do I do if I'm late?

If you arrive late for drop off you will be asked to phone the school office who will advise you what to do. You **must not** enter the office. At drop off your child will be met and taken externally to their class. At pick up the office will advise you how and where to collect your child. The office number is 01233 630820.

Playground equipment

Please ensure that your child is fully supervised by yourself once dismissed from class and refrain from using the playground equipment. We ask that you leave the school premises as soon as possible in a socially distanced manner after collecting or dropping off your child to ensure everyone's safety.