



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Welcome back! It has been a very long time since we had all the children in school but I am delighted to see all our pupils return safe and well this week. Thank you for your support and co-operation with the new arrangements at the start and the end of the day and your patience as we deal with any issues that may arise.

Data Collection

This week your child will have brought have a data collection sheet which lists all the current contact information we have for your child. Please update this and return to school by Friday 11th September. It is vital that we have the correct information for your child including emergency contact information. If there are no changes, please sign and return the form.

Outdoor clothing

Our new bubbles mean that children are playing across the school grounds, not just on the playground. Please send in an old pair of shoes that your child can leave in school and wear when they are on the grass. The Government guidelines for schools advises that we use outdoor spaces for learning as well as play. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a coat in school now that the weather seems to have changed.

Dropping off and picking up children

We are now running a soft opening which means that children can arrive and go straight to their classrooms from 8.30am. All children must be in school by 8.50am so that they can enter through the external doors. To reduce the number of adults on site at the end of the day, we have staggered pick-up times:

Reception: 3.15pm

Mrs Stacey and Mrs Dunton: 3.25pm

Mrs Flynn: 3.20pm

Years 5 & 6: 3.30pm.

Please do not arrive before the collection times.

Only 1 family member should enter the school grounds to collect children.

Year 5 and 6 children are encouraged to meet their parents outside of the school gates. If you would like your child to walk home alone, please let us know in writing either by email, text or a letter.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is running from 8am but in order to do so, we rely on our parent volunteers. If you are able to help any mornings, please contact the office.

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Term Dates

Our term dates for 2020-21 will follow the Buckinghamshire school dates plus 5 INSET days and are detailed below:

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 18th December

Half term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October.

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1st September and Monday 2nd November

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January - Thursday 1st April

Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Summer Term 2021

Tuesday 20th April – Wednesday 21st July

Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET DAYS: Monday 19th April and Monday 7th June

PE

This year, we are asking children to come to school in their PE kits on the days that their class has PE. Your child's PE days are shown below:

Mrs Stacey: Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Dunton: Tuesday and Thursdays

Mrs Flynn: Monday and Thursday

Miss Smith: Wednesday and Friday

Miss Batten: Monday and Wednesday.

As the weather turns colder, children may wear their jogging bottoms rather than shorts. School jumpers are permitted to be worn with PE kits. Trainers should also be worn on PE days.

Water bottles

We are currently unable to have the water fountains in use therefore, to make sure that your child has access to water throughout the day, please send them to school with a named water bottle every day.

Face coverings

Face coverings are not required to be worn in Primary schools. Should you wish your child to wear a face covering on their way to school, they need to place their face covering in plastic bag inside their school bag once it is removed. Adults are not required to wear face coverings when bringing children to and from school, but we would ask that you wear a face covering when inside the school building.

Zero Tolerance

A reminder to all parents that Ivingswood Academy operates a zero tolerance policy on its grounds. This means that using inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff, pupils or other parents will not be tolerated on these premises. Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave, could be banned from school premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police. If you have concerns about any pupils or parents, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will support you in dealing with your concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland
Headteacher