

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

## KSI Update

On behalf of myself and the KSI team, we would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you all had a lovely summer. I would just like to inform you of a couple of changes that we are making in light of current restrictions and also just bring your attention to a few reminders.

## Playground Equipment

Please could I remind everyone that the playground equipment must not be used either before or after school. This includes both school age and pre-school aged children. With regards to health and safety, school equipment should not be used before or after school and, within the current climate, all equipment (including outdoor equipment) must be cleaned regularly in order to ensure that Government guidance is being followed. With the staggered drop off and collections times, children and adults should not be arriving early and should be vacating the premises as soon as possible in order to reduce the number of people on site. Please do not be offended if a member of staff approaches you should your child be playing with any of these resources, we are simply doing everything we can to keep everyone safe and well.

## Reading Books

For the time being, reading books will be sent home on a Monday and are expected back in on a Friday. This will allow them to be quarantined for the recommended 72 hours over the weekend before being placed back onto the shelves.

This means that the children will have the same book for one week. It is actually good practice for children to read a book on multiple occasions in order for them to become familiar with a text and therefore become more fluent readers. Staff will continue to set Reading Ramble challenges for the children which will focus more on their comprehension skills. I will also send out some additional resources to support you at home with reading which can be used alongside their reading book.

These changes also mean that the children will not have reading books over the weekend, however please remember that reading can happen anywhere! We would encourage you to continue to use the Oxford Owl website that was used during school closure. Websites, magazines and books that you have at home should also be explored in order for the children to continue to develop their love of learning.



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## Dressing for the weather!

*'Wet and Windy'* - Please ensure you child has a coat in school every day. If it is raining and your child brings wellies to school, then please also ensure that they have a plastic bag to place them in as all these belongings must be kept in their locker.

*Hot and Sunny* - In addition to this if you could put a sun hat in their bag then this would very much be appreciated. The weather is currently very unpredictable and as we will be trying to undertake as much learning as possible outside, it is essential that the children have the correct protective clothing.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in all of the above. We have had a fantastic start back to school and can't wait to continue sharing our learning with you.

Kind Regards,

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