

DIGGLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

As we head towards the last week of the school holidays I just wanted to clarify a few bits of information regarding the new school year.

Start and End of the Day

When the children return to school on Tuesday 6th September we still intend to have staggered start and finish times as this has really helped to alleviate parking issues, particularly in the morning. However, as there is now no need to socially distance we don't need to do alternate classes and so Reception and Key Stage One will have one time and Key Stage 2 another.

Class	Start time	End time
Reception Year 1 and 2	8:40am	3:10pm
Years 3,4,5 and 6	8:50am	3:20pm

Bags in School

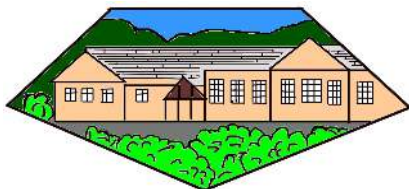
In an effort to reduce clutter both in the class cloakrooms and the BASC cloakroom we communicated last term that children should not bring backpacks to school from September. Your child may bring a book bag style bag or a drawstring PE bag style bag. These DO NOT have to be a school logoed bag.

PE Kits and Forest School Clothes

Your child will be doing PE twice a week in September, your child's class teacher will let you know which days via email. On these days your child should come to school in their PE kit. However, that kit must be a plain white round necked t-shirt, navy blue shorts/joggers, a plain navy blue sweatshirt/hoodie and trainers. Children should not be wearing t-shirts or sweatshirts with logos and no football or rugby shirts.

For Forest School children can wear anything which is weather suitable and that you don't mind getting muddy. However, this year we ask that the children bring that outfit to school in either a PE bag or a plastic carrier and get changed after lunch. they should come to school in their school uniform on Forest School days. Your child's class teacher will contact you via email to let you know when your child needs these clothes.





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Wellies/walking Boots

Please ensure your child has EITHER a pair of wellies OR walking boots in school to wear at playtime. Children who don't have this will be asked to remain on the playground so it is important your child has something to change into in order to get the best experience at break times. They DO NOT need both. There is not enough room in the cloakrooms for every child to have both walking boots and wellies so please only send your child with one pair of outdoor shoes.

Holidays in School Time.

Last year we had a lot of families taking holidays during the school year. This was partly due to holiday companies rescheduling holidays cancelled in Lockdown and families getting no choice in the dates they were given. However, that should not now be an issue. The government is really cracking down on attendance as outlined in the Queen's speech and as such from September the rules in school will be slightly different.

In the past a family has been able to take a 5 day unauthorised holiday and not incur a fine. From September any 10 session absence will be liable to be fined. This means that as there are 2 sessions per day a 5 day unauthorised holiday will now incur a fine. Please book holidays in the 13 weeks that school is not in session, the school holiday list can be found on the school website.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Tuesday 6th September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs S Newton

(Headteacher)

