



Millfield Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Today marks the end of another interesting year but hopefully when the children return to school in September we should be back to near normal- so no bubbles, no need from our perspective to rotate equipment and resources, greater flexibility with teaching groups, all children being able to eat in the hall rather than KS2 packed lunches in classrooms and the chance for the children to play with their friends from other classes at break and lunchtimes. We can't wait!

Despite the restrictions that have been placed upon us all, the children have adjusted well to what's been expected of them in school. Staff have been wonderful at continuing to provide an interesting and engaging yet challenging curriculum whilst at the same time remembering to make sure the children's hands have been sanitised, tables sprayed and wiped numerous times during the day, touch points cleaned, musical instruments restricted to certain children/classes etc etc. A special thank you must go to our team of cleaners who, led by Mrs Braddick, have done sterling work, following the ever changing cleaning expectations; plus our great catering team, led by Amber, who have been providing a full range of hot meals, as well as a 'grab and go' option right from the start of the year when many other schools were only providing a packed lunch for their children. I should like to thank the whole Millfield Team for their dedication and hard work.

Overall, I feel we have come off lightly, when I hear about other schools and how many times they've had to close bubbles, have had problems with staff shortages etc. Certainly the general area we live in has been less badly affected than other parts of the country, but I would also like to think it is partly down to everybody in school putting in place the right mitigating factors and parents also playing their part when picking up and dropping off their children, keeping us informed when your children are unwell, being quick to get family members tested etc - so thank you!

We look forward to being able to invite parents back on site more easily next year, but we hope the summer term edition of Millfield Matters has given you a good flavour of the learning that has been taking place across the school this term.

We say 'Good-bye' to...

- Miss Dutton who is re-locating. Miss Dutton joined us as an NQT and has quickly grown to become a valued member of the school team- our loss is her new school's gain.
- Mrs Thornhill who has played a pivotal role at Millfield for many years. She has decided that now is the time to retire but funnily enough, she has already spoken with me about coming in to hear readers, manage Accelerated Reader in KS2 and, amongst other things, help out on residential visits! Millfield will not be the same without her but we are so fortunate that she wants to come in as a volunteer.

Arrangements from September

Timings of the school day: these will revert to pre-pandemic times. NO STAGGERED STARTS/ENDS. So for ALL children:

- Gates will open at 8:35am and registration will be at 8:45am
- At the end of the day gates will open at 3:10pm and the school day will end at 3:15pm

Gates that should be used for dropping off and collecting children:

- Reception and Nursery children enter and leave by the Reception gate next to the Office
- Children in Years 1-6 enter and leave the site from the main playground:
 - In the morning, both the Car Park Gate and the Prior Gate can be used by any children from Y1-6 for dropping off
 - In the afternoon at 3:10pm, parents can use either gate to enter the main playground.
 - However once children start leaving the site at 3:15pm I would ask that parents wanting to get onto the playground do so using the Car Park Gate- otherwise you will be moving against the flow of children, parents and buggies coming out of the Prior Gate. If you want to use the Prior Gate to enter the site at 3:10pm then you'll need to be on time!
 - In the afternoon, we will expect children going home on their own to go out of the Prior Gate as it is generally safer than going directly into the car park
- I don't anticipate operating a strict one way system on the main playground so, as long as people continue to use their common sense and are thoughtful and careful, children with their parents can leave the site in the afternoon through the Car Park Gate.
- Parents are reminded to stay on the playground and not on the bricked pathway near the classes
- Breakfast Club & Stay & Play will continue as usual.

And Finally...

We would all like to wish our lovely Year 6 children a smooth transition into their new secondary school, wherever that may be. They have done themselves proud and we know they will continue to do so as they enter the next phase of their education. We would also like to wish those children and families who are moving away from Millfield all the very best.

Last, but by no means least, we would all like to extend a big 'Thank You' to all of you for your hard work, support, flexibility and understanding during this last year- we couldn't have done it without you!

I should like to wish you all a happy and peaceful summer break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Thursday September 2nd**.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs D. M. Hannaford
Principal