

## Points to Remember...

- Your child will need to arrive at school each morning and be picked up at the following times – these are the same times as were in place during the autumn term:

	Start Time	End Time	Gate
Willow Class	08.50am	3.15pm	Side of the hall
Elm Class	08.40am	3.05pm	Side of the hall
Maple Class	08.35am	3.00pm	Top of steps in playground
Oak Class	08.45am	3.10pm	Top of steps in playground

- Siblings will have to be dropped off separately at their allotted times. Once you have dropped off the first sibling, please go to queue at the next gate on the green lines. If your other child is to be dropped off at the same gate, please wait more than 2m away from all other adults and children whilst you wait and then queue again at their given time – you are very welcome to use the playground for this as there is more space to wait.
- Only **one parent** can enter the playground to drop off your child and pre-school siblings should be left at home if you are able, if they have to come, they will **need to stay within the 2m markings** and must not play in the playground or be allowed to move around unsupervised.
- You will need to follow the markings on the playground to stay 2m away from the other adults and children – please follow signs carefully.
- As you will know from the autumn term, you will not be able to stand and chat with other parents on the school site, sadly you must simply drop off or pick up your children and leave. If you are waiting with siblings, you must remain **2m apart** from other adults and children. We are working very hard to ensure that there is a little disruption to as few children's learning as possible if we have a coronavirus case in school, we need your help to ensure that this risk is minimised and this is a major way that you can support us with this.
- You should walk or cycle to school where possible and public transport should be avoided.
- Any communication with teachers will have to be done via email to [admin@whiteshill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whiteshill.gloucs.sch.uk) or via the office phone number as teachers will not be able to converse with you in the mornings and entrance to the school by parents is unfortunately not allowed at present. Please do get in touch if you need us though!
- Your child will need to wear full school uniform. Items with a school logo on can be brought from Batemans in Stroud. Please make sure the children have a full PE kit also, including a black hoodie and black tracksuit bottoms to keep them warm. Children in Maple and Oak classes will need trainers, not daps/plimsolls. More information about our school uniform can be found on the school website. On PE and forest school days, the children will wear their PE kits in to school. I will let you know the days when these are required for each class in the newsletter at the end of this week.
- Don't forget, children in Maple and Oak classes are no longer able to bring a large bag with them to school due to restricted cloakroom space. They can bring a book bag, like children in Elm and Willow, which can be purchased from Batemans if they would like or they can just carry their lunch and books with them.

- Caterlink will return to providing hot meals as they did in the autumn term. The menu for this term can be found on the website [here](#). Children will be able to make their choice each morning as they did previously. Free school meals will continue to be provided for those who have them, including all the children in Willow and Elm class if they choose. Classes will be eating lunch separately in their bubbles and therefore hot meals will be eaten in the classrooms as well as the school hall to ensure that different bubbles are not together in the same space. **Please don't forget our nut and peanut free policy when sending your child in with a packed lunch – don't include any peanut or nut products or anything which has any type of nuts or peanuts in the ingredients. Items that say 'may contain nuts' or 'not suitable for those with a nut allergy' are fine. Please don't forget also that hummus is currently part of our nut-free policy as well. Thank you.**
- Your child cannot bring anything else with them from home – no toys, show and tell, pictures etc.
- We will be sending reading books home, and these can go back and forth in to school. This is because of the huge educational benefits of reading at home. We will quarantine the books on their return to school before they are returned to the bookshelf for other children to use. Please return to school any books that you have at home from the start of lockdown that you no longer need – this will help us to have enough books to go around all the children in school, especially with the need to quarantine some.
- You need to make sure we have up to date mobile phone numbers for you so that we can contact you if your child is ill. You will need to collect them promptly if we contact you during the day to say they are ill. Any child who develops symptoms of coronavirus will need to be tested when they are sent home (please see attached coronavirus symptoms sheet for more info).
- Make sure your child takes asthma and hay fever medicine that they need and that any inhalers or medicine are sent back in to school with them on their first day if needed.
- Wash their hands with soap and water before leaving home in the morning and on arrival at home from school.
- Talk to your children about hygiene practises. Information on effective handwashing from the NHS can be found [here](#). An NHS song for children on how to wash hands effectively can be found [here](#). Don't forget as well to encourage them to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' when they sneeze or cough into a tissue or into their elbow if necessary.