

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement that **schools can re-open fully from Monday 8th March**, we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back. I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break and that everything has gone well with your return to distance learning – just one more week of remote education to go!

In preparation for the safe return of our full school community, I thought I would write to you today with some useful information and important reminders. The systems and routines implemented in September will remain in place. In this letter, I will start by sharing some pertinent updates before then recapping the existing measures that have been established and will continue upon our return to normal schooling.

Stay at Home

Prior to the school closure, we continued to have instances of families sending siblings or children in whilst one member of their household was awaiting the outcome of a test. Please be assured that the school took swift action in these cases, but I must remind everyone that **if any member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19, then the entire household must isolate** until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Track and Trace

Please inform the school of any symptoms or positive test results as soon as possible so that we can react accordingly to protect our community and contain the spread of Covid-19. Please notify us by phoning the school office or via our dedicated e-mail address if out of school hours: covidtest@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk

Face Coverings

As the school path is too narrow at times to facilitate full adherence to the principles of social distancing, **we are encouraging the use of face coverings by the parent community when entering the school grounds unless you are exempt**. There are some circumstances where people may not be able to wear a face covering. Please be mindful and respectful of such circumstances. Some people are less able to wear face coverings, and the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

Wrap-Around Care

Government guidance states that wrap-around care can resume. Our Breakfast Club provision will recommence in the same format as we had been operating September – January (see below for details).

St. Claire's After School Club are able to take bookings – please contact them directly: info@stclaires.co.uk or 01202 429 880

Our planned **after school activities** that were set to run during the spring term will transfer to the summer term now, **commencing on Monday 19th April**. Mr Lane has written a separate letter (to follow) outlining this in more detail.

No Book Bags or Back Packs

Please continue to limit the amount of equipment being brought into school each day to essential items only – we do not want anything travelling between the school and home environments unnecessarily. Please send your child in wearing their coat and with a water bottle in their hands. Key Stage 2 children may also continue to bring in their own lunchbox if this is your preferred option. We will ensure that any communication with you is paperless wherever possible.

PE Kits

Thank you for sending your children in wearing their kits on their PE days. We would like to continue with this as it has been brilliant in terms of reducing corridor clutter and saving valuable curriculum time. Our current PE lesson timetable is as follows:

Group	Class Teacher	PE Day/s
RSR	Mrs Ryan	Wednesday and Friday
RKH	Miss Henwood	Monday and Thursday
1JD	Miss Dhoot	Wednesday and Thursday
1AS	Mrs Seggins	Wednesday and Thursday
2LM	Miss Morris	Monday and Friday
2KP	Miss Pepper	Monday and Friday
3BF	Miss Folland	Monday
3JB	Miss Boyce	Tuesday
4BD	Miss Butler	Tuesday
4TM	Mrs Myring-McCullagh	Tuesday
5AM	Mrs Malone	Friday
5RA	Miss Allen	Wednesday
6ER	Miss Richardson	Thursday
6JR	Mr Richardson	Friday

Please note, on Monday 8th March only, RKH and Year 2 will not have their PE sessions, giving them time to settle back into their class on the first morning back.

Forest Schools

Our Forest Schools programme will recommence on Tuesday 9th March. **If your child was due to start their Forest School experience on Tuesday 5th January (10 children from 1JD and 10 children from 2KP), then please send them into school wearing their warm, waterproof Forest School clothes on Tuesday 9th March.**

As Mr Motte is now leading our Forest School provision, we have greater flexibility around the session timings. In order to ensure that all of our Year 1 and 2 children receive their six sessions this academic year, we will now be running three sessions every Tuesday, meaning that three groups of ten children will be able to participate in Forest Schools each week. **Mrs Lafferty will be sending notification out to our third group of children (10 children from 2LM) who will be enjoying their turn as part of the programme from Tuesday 9th March too. Please ensure that you return the paperwork directly to the school office on Monday 8th March.**

40 children from our Year 1 and Year 2 cohorts took part in our Forest School provision during the autumn term. The revised timetable below outlines how we will ensure that the remaining 80 children will have the same opportunity. **Revised Forest School Plan for the Year:**

Session Dates:	8:30am – 10:20am	10:30am – 12:20pm	12:50 – 2:40pm
09.03.21, 16.03.21, 23.03.21, 30.03.21, 20.04.21, and 27.04.21	10 children from 1JD	10 children from 2KP	10 children from 2LM
04.05.21, 11.05.21, 18.05.21, 25.05.21, 08.06.21 and 15.06.21	10 children from 1JD	10 children from 1AS	10 children from 2LM
22.06.21, 29.06.21, 06.07.21, 13.07.21, 20.07.21 and 21.07.21	10 children from 1AS	10 children from 2KP	

1:1 Sessions

Our 1:1 sessions are now underway, giving every child the opportunity to work closely with their class teacher in order to talk about their learning experience since January, review their progress and confidence

in different areas of the curriculum, and identify their next steps. By the end of the day next Friday, the teachers will have had a chance to meet with every child in their class in order to agree and set their targets for their return to school. These will be typed up, printed out and enveloped by Friday 12th March ready to be quarantined before being sent home with your child on Monday 15th March.

Parents' Evening

Our spring term Parents' Evening consultations would usually take place in March. However, our initial priorities must be settling the children back into school and curriculum recovery. The teachers will also need time following the full return to school to work with the children on their identified targets and to build a more in depth assessment of their progress and attainment. Therefore, Parents' Evening appointments will be arranged for the week commencing **Monday 17th May** instead, giving the children and teachers 8 weeks of learning time in school. These parent-teacher consultations will take place remotely via School Cloud.

If you have any worries or concerns for your child in the meantime, please do not wait for your Parents' Evening appointment. Whilst conversations at the classroom door are obviously difficult in the current climate, please continue to keep in touch with your child's class teacher via e-mail and do not hesitate to request a telephone conversation if you would prefer a dialogue.

Mrs Barrington (CBG@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk) and I continue to be available to support with any pastoral issues so please contact either of us too if you would like some additional advice or help.

Catch-Up Sessions

If your child was part of our first round of after school **catch-up intervention sessions**, then please note that the programme will recommence from Monday 8th March. Sessions will continue on the same days and at the same times as previously arranged. As your child was offered an 8 week block of support, which ran for 4 weeks prior to the Christmas holidays, we should manage to run their remaining 4 sessions prior to the Easter holidays.

Miss Dhoot (JDT@st-peters.bournemouth.sch.uk), who is co-ordinating our catch-up programme, will be liaising closely with class teachers to identify those children who may need to remain in the programme as well as other children in need of additional support. She will then set about organising our next block of sessions which will begin at the start of the summer term.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again soon!
Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.
Best wishes,



Liz Wogan

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A Reminder of Existing Systems and Routines

Stay at Home

- The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of **any** of the following:
 - a new and persistent cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.
- **Anyone who develops symptoms, or lives with someone who has, must not come to the school site.**
- Please make the school aware by telephoning the main office: 01202 421141, Option 3.
- Anyone developing these symptoms during the school day will be sent home.

Engagement with NHS Test and Trace

- Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus can and should get a test.

- Tests can be booked via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119.
- **Please inform the school immediately of symptoms and test results.**

Hand and Respiratory Hygiene

- We will continue to promote the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach with our children. There will be tissues and bins with lids in every classroom as well as visual and verbal reminders.
- Coronavirus is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. This can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser. We will continue to practice increased handwashing throughout the school day.
- In addition to washing their hands whenever they have been to the toilet and immediately prior to eating, the children will also wash their hands on arrival at school, following playtimes or choosing time, whenever they enter a new learning space, after eating and immediately before they go home.
- Handwashing will be supervised to ensure that it is thorough.
- Children will be reminded to wash soap off of their hands properly to prevent them from becoming sore.

Enhanced Cleaning Arrangements

- Surfaces and anything that is frequently touched (e.g. door handles) will be cleaned regularly by staff throughout the school day.
- A cleaner has been appointed to operate on site during the school day, to ensure frequent cleaning of shared areas, frequently touched surfaces and our toilet facilities.
- Our cleaning contractors will continue to clean the school thoroughly at the end of each day.

Teaching Groups

Government guidance asks schools to reduce the risk of transmission by maintaining distance (where possible and appropriate) and by operating within distinct groups. In primary schools, it is recommended that these ‘bubbles’ are now limited to the size of one full class. Therefore:

- The children will operate within their teaching groups at all times.
- They will not mix with other classes.
- Each class will have their own designated toilets, sinks, and indoor areas.
- Separate spaces have been demarcated on the field and playground for each class to use exclusively during their break times. Break times have also been staggered to accommodate this.
- Larger gatherings will not take place. Assemblies and collective worship will be held within class groups.
- Movement around the school will be limited and via external routes wherever possible.



Classrooms

- Classroom spaces have been organised to support social distancing where possible. Tables will be arranged to minimise face to face contact.
- Classroom based items, such as practical mathematics resources, reading books and games, will be cleaned regularly and will not be shared between bubbles.
- Resources or toys that are difficult to clean or less necessary in the delivery of the curriculum, will remain in storage for now.
- Individual and frequently used equipment (such as pens, pencils, crayons, paintbrushes, number lines) will not be shared. Each child will be provided with their own set of equipment in a named zippy bag.

Curriculum

- Government guidance states that all teachers and staff can operate across different classes and year groups in order to facilitate the delivery of the school timetable. Although this will be kept to a minimum, it does mean that our specialist teaching can resume, including PE, Music, and (for Years 4-6) DT.
- Spanish lessons will continue via weekly video inputs from Mrs Coulson for now.
- Members of staff delivering specialist teaching across class bubbles will endeavour to maintain the required level of social distancing from pupils and other adults.
- PE lessons will be outdoors wherever possible. In the event of bad weather, we are fortunate to have a large gym where the distance between children can still be maximised.
- Resources that are shared between classes in PE, Music and DT will either be rotated (to allow them to be left unused and out of reach) or cleaned meticulously between uses by different bubbles.
- The school have purchased a 'fogger' to enable the thorough cleaning of equipment and spaces.

Arriving at School

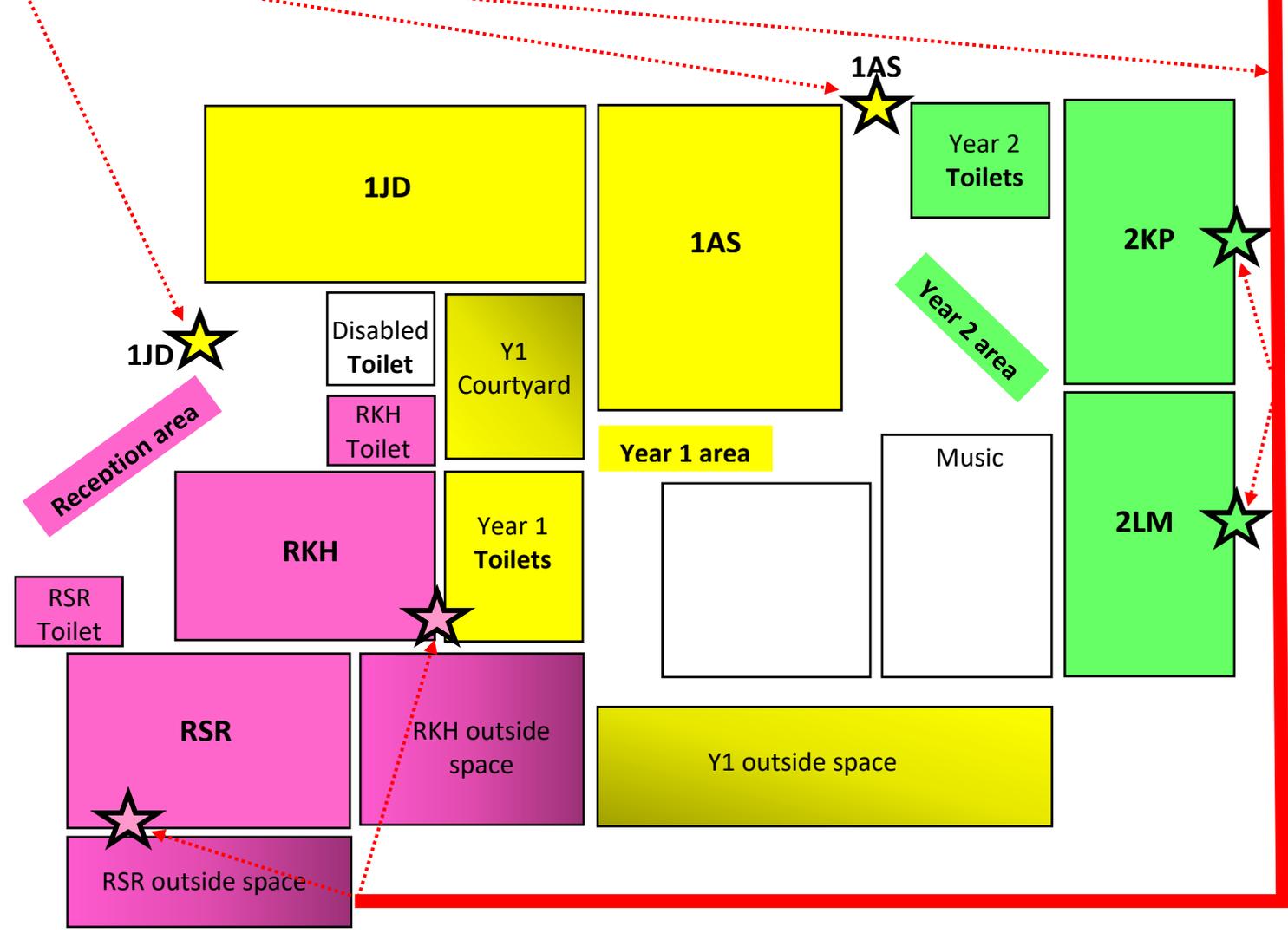
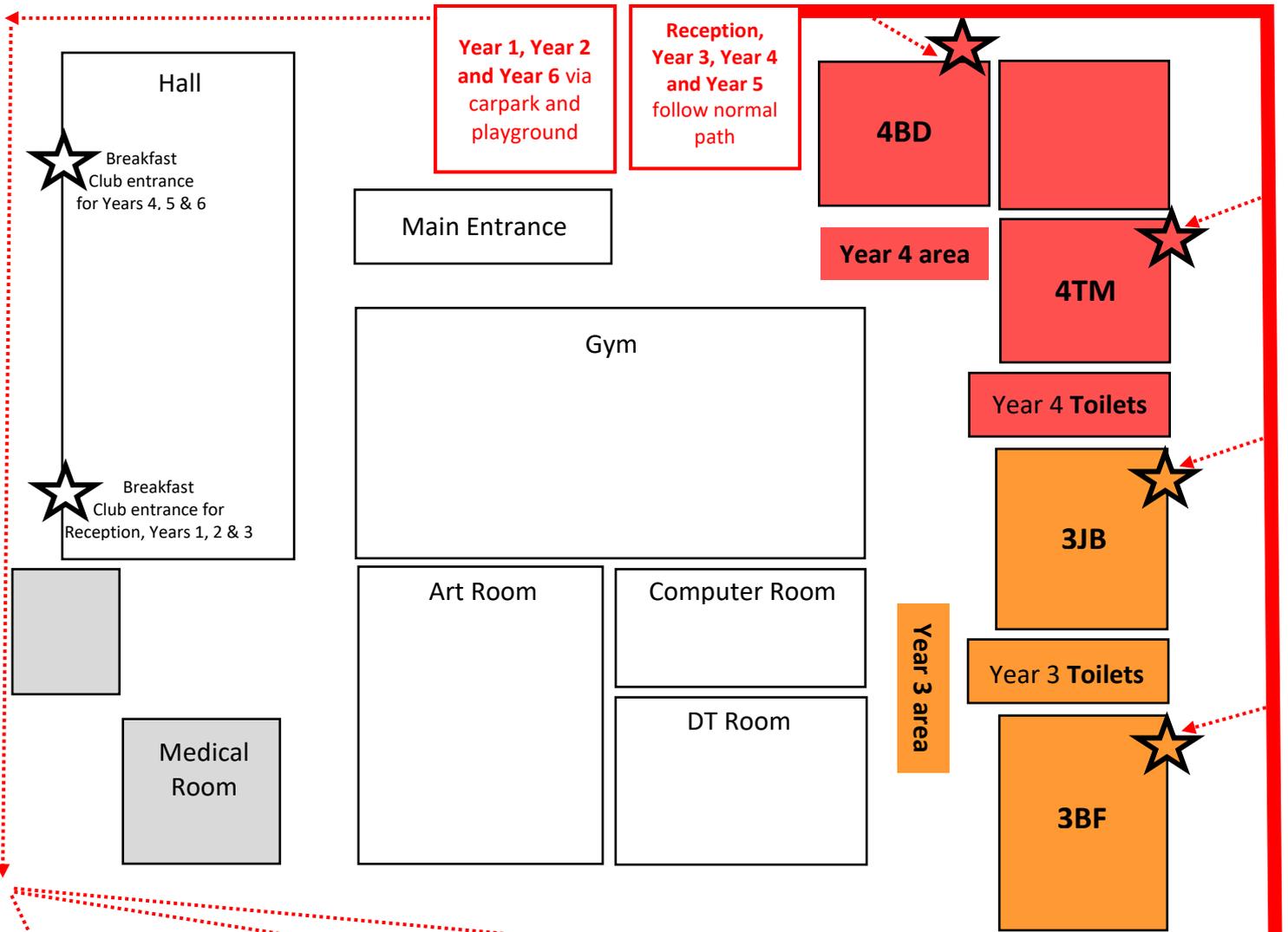
- The start and end times of the school day have been staggered. **Please arrive promptly** at the time that your child's class are due to arrive at school as well as the time that they need to be collected.
- The identified external drop off and pick up point for each class is indicated on the site map below by a star.
- In order to reduce congestion on the path, it is important that you follow the stipulated route.
- The school car park will be closed to all parents as it will serve as a designated pedestrian route.

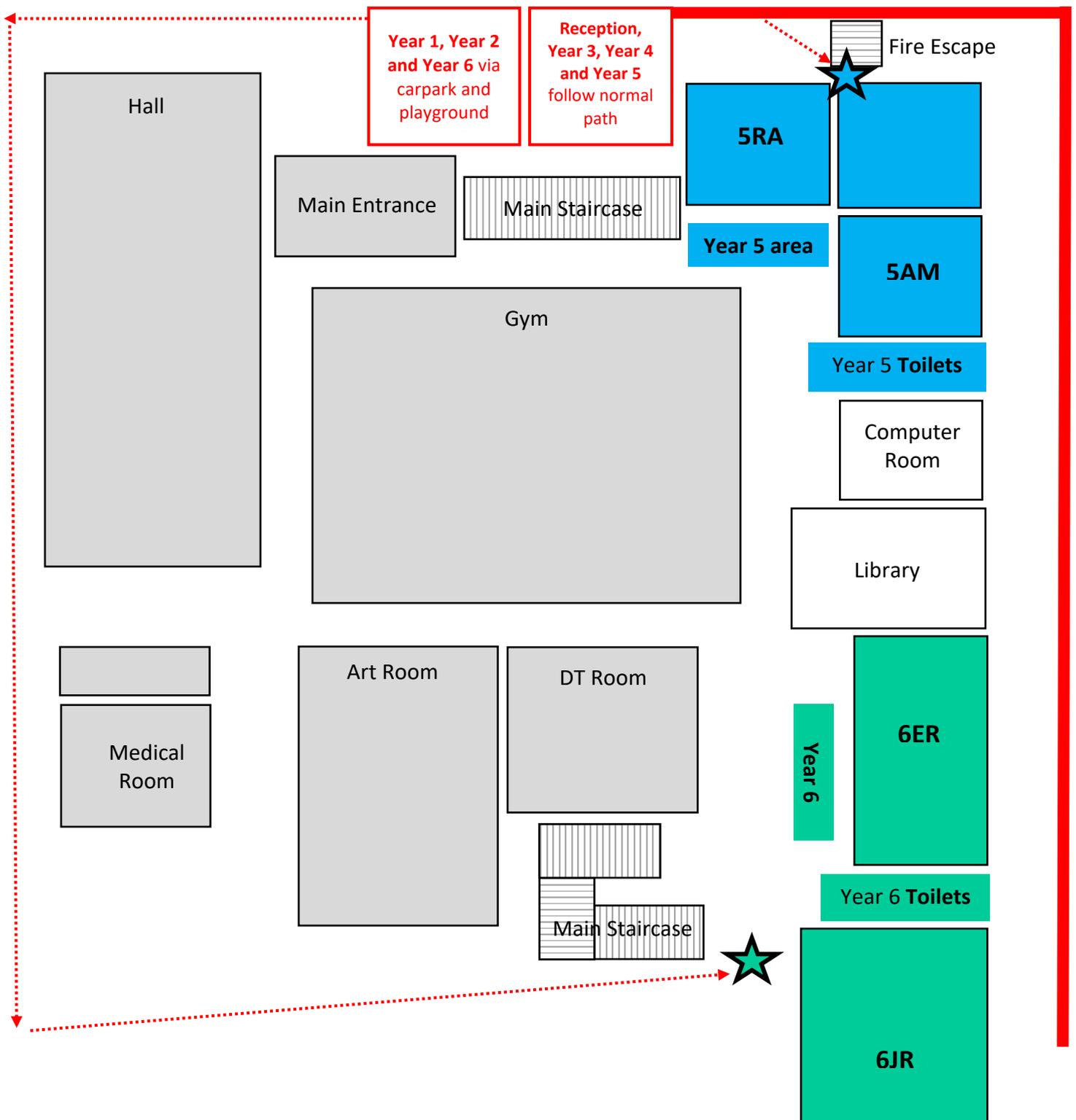
Group	Drop-Off Time	Pick-Up Time	Parent Route	Drop-Off Point
RSR	8:00	2:30	Main Path	Gate to EYFS outside area
RKH	8:10	2:40	Main Path	
1JD	8:00	2:30	Car Park and Playground	Door leading into infant block from playground
1AS	8:10	2:40	Car Park and Playground	Year 2 cloakroom door
2LM	8:20	2:50	Car Park and Playground	Gate to Year 2 outside area
2KP	8:30	3:00	Car Park and Playground	
3BF	8:20	2:50	Main Path	3BF external classroom door
3JB	8:30	3:00	Main Path	3JB external classroom door
4BD	8:40	3:10	Main Path	4BD external classroom door
4TM	8:50	3:20	Main Path	4TM external classroom door
5AM	8:50	3:20	Main Path	Fire Escape (outside 4BD), leading up to Year 5 area
5RA	9:00	3:30	Main Path	
6ER	8:40	3:10	Car Park and Playground	External door leading from covered walkway into Year 6 stairwell
6JR	8:50	3:20	Car Park and Playground	

- Only one parent should need to come on site to collect their child/ren please.
- If you have no choice other than to bring additional siblings with you at drop-off/pick-up, then please ensure that they stand with you at all times. They must not run around or interact with other families.
- Please stand back from the gate or classroom door that you are collecting from and give each other the appropriate 2 metres of space. The children will be sent out to you.
- Parents should not enter the school building at any point (other than via the main school office if required).
- If you need to speak to someone in the school office, then please wait outside until you can see that the counter is free.
- Once you have dropped off or collected your child/ren, **please leave the school site immediately.**
- **Please continue to adhere to social distancing rules and refrain from congregating directly outside the school grounds or in nearby roads.**

Sibling Arrangements

Please continue with existing sibling drop-off and collection arrangements agreed for the autumn term.





Breakfast Club

- Breakfast Club will operate from 7:45am as before.
- It will remain open for the duration of the staggered start to the school day (and so children will be admitted up until 8:45am).
- Breakfast Club users will no longer be able to use the school car park.
- Children in Reception and Years 1-3 should arrive via the external door closest to the stage. Years 4-6 should enter via the fire escape in front of the kitchen.
- Parents will not be able to enter Breakfast Club - staff will register and settle the children in.
- Each class will have their own distinct table area within the hall.
- Seating arrangements will avoid face to face contact.
- A capacity has been set of 8 children per class with space for 16 children in those KS2 classes that contain a high number of siblings. If and when this capacity is reached, the children will be transferred to their classrooms – earlier than their official start time if needed.

5AM (8:50)

5RA (9:00)

Entrance and sanitising station for Years 4, 5 & 6.

6JR (8:50)

4TM (8:50)

6ER (8:40)

4BD (8:40)

2KP (8:30)

3JB (8:30)

2LM (8:20)

1AS (8:10)

1JD (8:00)

Entrance and sanitising station for Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3.

3BF (8:20)

RKH (8:10)

RSR (8:00)