



October



Our building project starts over half-term. Because of this, it will be necessary to change our morning arrangements.

From tomorrow onwards, **all parents of children in KS1** will start using the **KS2 gate** to take their children around to **Robins, Kingfishers and Little Owls** before exiting through the swimming pool gate. As this means more parents moving through one entrance, it is even more **important that you do not arrive before 8:50am**. If there are too many parents waiting for the gates to open, we will have to look at staggering start times for different year groups which is something that I really wanted to avoid as it proves difficult for so many parents.



We know that it is frustrating when arrangements keep changing but we hope that you understand that we do so in the best interests of children and parents and, most importantly, to keep everyone as safe as we can.



We will soon be in a position to be sharing our plans for **Remote Learning** with you. Remote Learning is an opportunity for teachers and children to remain connected and engaged whilst working from home in the event of a bubble closing, a local lockdown or if a pupil needs to isolate. You will be aware from my previous communication that this wasn't something that Derbyshire had recommended but the government have now invested in support for schools to enable us to prepare and train our staff for this situation.

We are very pleased to tell you that we are going to be using **G Suite for Education** in order to connect with children should they need to work at home. It offers the opportunity to begin to provide live or recorded lessons from their class teacher and a way of connecting the class together for daily contact.

This is a huge step for our staff and so we will be learning together. Please bear with us as we know that it will take some getting used to! **More detailed information to follow soon...**

School Uniform— PE Kits

Now that Autumn is well underway, I wanted to share with you the new options for PE days as the weather gets colder. Children will continue to come into school in their PE kits so we have been liaising with our uniform suppliers about adding a hoodie to our PE uniform. This will be a **royal blue hoodie with the school logo embroidered on** and the option to have your child's initials added too which will help ensure lost property comes back to your child. As children are wearing their PE kits all day, we felt that this was important to ensure that they are warm and comfortable but that they still looked smart in this kit for the times that they are not in school.

After half-term, all children should return to school with a PE kit in school colours on PE days. Our PE kit consists of plain black or navy blue joggers with a white t-shirt and a royal blue sweatshirt or new hoodie. Please do not send children in kit that doesn't match the colours of our school uniform. It is still important that children come to school in the correct colours to encourage a sense of belonging and pride in being part of the Etwall team.



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Inset Days

Monday 2nd November
Monday 4th January
Monday 7th June
Thursday 22nd July