



Tiverton Academy

Newsletter

August 2021

School will re-open to children on Monday 6th September 2021.

Please send your child with their own water bottle.

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely Summer break and are looking forward to the start of the new school year as much as we are. I am hoping that this year will see a return to more normal times and school routines.

I would like to welcome our new Reception families to Tiverton Academy and wish your children a happy transition period as they start their school journey. We know they will have many wonderful experiences with us and we will be working hard to ensure that they have an extremely positive start to their school year.

Roof Work

I would like to make you aware that over the Summer, we have been having much needed roof repairs carried out. This work will be continuing for approximately ten weeks and school is currently surrounded by scaffolding. As you can imagine, this is not a very pleasant sight but due to the building being over 100 years old, there are many areas of the roof where tiles need replacing. Most importantly, Health and Safety aspects have been our priority and the site has been thoroughly risk assessed to ensure that it is safe for the children and staff. We also ask parent/carers to be extra vigilant should you be on and around the school grounds.

Important New Procedures.

The DFE have now published their final guidance for schools to re-open in September. This sees an end to operating in discrete class bubbles and changes to the self-isolation processes, which have meant that whole classes of children were

sent home. This is welcome news but we are intending to proceed with caution and cleaning/hygiene procedures will remain as they were last year. My risk assessments are now completed and will be shared on the school website shortly. The risk assessments are dynamic and should there be incidents of COVID positive cases, procedures will be escalated and communicated with you.

Start and Finish Times

DFE guidance states that there is no longer a need for staggered start and finish times. In response, we will be operating a flexible approach to the start and end of daily routines to continue to minimise crowds and gatherings. There is no longer a need to wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting your child but we would encourage you to continue to wear a mask in the short term.

The school gates will open for **all** children at **8.45 am**. Children must be in school for **9.00am** when the gates will close. This allows for a flexible 15 minutes in which your child can enter school.

- Reception children will continue to enter through the **gates next to the School Office**.
- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children will enter school via the **main children's gate and through the red sliding doors at the end of the path**.
- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will enter via the **double gates to the slope and through the door at the bottom of the slope**.

Collection points will differ due to the roof work being undertaken and part of the slope having a skip on it.

- Reception collection time will be between **3.00pm and 3.15pm**. This will allow Reception parents a flexible 15 mins in which to collect your child.
- Year 1 and Year 2 children will finish school at **3.10pm** and will be collected from the **main children's gate**.
- Year 3 and Year 4 children will finish school at **3.15pm** and will be collected from the **double gates at the top of the slope**.
- Year 5 and Year 6 children will also finish school at **3.15pm**. They will be collected from the **double gates at the top of the field**.

If you have any questions regarding the start and end of day times and points of drop off and collection please contact the School Office on 0121 464 3125.

COVID Procedures

It is vitally important that we minimise the risk of COVID spreading in school throughout the Autumn Term. If your child has a high temperature, a new continuous dry cough or a loss of taste or smell, please book a PCR test and keep your child at home until the results have arrived. If you are concerned that your child is generally feeling unwell, it may be worth carrying out a lateral flow test as we know that children can display a variety of different symptoms. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

School Uniform

We understand that this year has been difficult with regards to purchasing school uniform whilst shops have been closed during lockdown. From September this will hopefully be different and we expect all children to be in the correct school uniform at the start of term in September.

Boys Uniform

Black or grey trousers
White polo shirt

Girls Uniform

Black or grey trousers or skirt
White polo shirt or blouse

All children will be expected to wear the Tiverton jumper or cardigan with the Tiverton logo on it. These can be purchased from the School Office and **paid for in advance via your ParentPay account.**

Children must wear plain black, sensible school shoes for school. **Trainers are not permitted.**

PE Kits

Children will need the following items for their PE Kit:

Plain white T-Shirt
Plain black shorts
Black jogging bottoms/leggings (for the winter)
Black PE pumps
Trainers (for outdoor sports)

You can purchase uniform items from the Brigade website

www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

Alternatively, you can purchase PE Kit items from any local supermarket at a very reasonable price.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

School Term Dates 2021 to 2022
(Showing Teacher Days – school closed)

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September 2021

Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021

Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

TEACHER DAY: Thursday 2nd September 2021

TEACHER DAY: Friday 3rd September 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022

TEACHER DAY: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022

Term Ends: Friday 22 July 2022

TEACHER DAY: Monday 25th April 2022

TEACHER DAY: Friday 22nd July 2022