

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back this week. We are all learning new systems and rules. The children have adapted well, being tolerant and very supportive of each other.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind and update you on some of the old and new measures we are employing to keep everyone safe

- **Face coverings** While face coverings are not expected to be worn by children in school, we do ask that parents/carers coming into the main office wear a face covering.
- **Communication** We continue to communicate with parents/carers using letters, the school website and twitter. We are also introducing a new communication method called SchoolPing. Please check regularly as these areas will be updated when we have anything significant or Covid-19 related to communicate.
We are currently limiting the number of adults who come into school. If you need to speak to someone please ring or email. Try to avoid coming to the main office unless you have a prearranged appointment.
- **Uniform** Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. The children are very smart, this has really made a positive impact to returning to school.
- **Absence** If your child is unwell, please contact school to inform us of their absence. If your child is unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, you must notify school by telephone. DO NOT allow them to attend school. Keep them at home to self isolate and arrange a test <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>.
- **The start and end of the school day** To keep our school community safe we have staggered start and finish times. Please arrive at your allocated time (not early or late) and leave school promptly to reduce congestion. We thank you for your cooperation with this.
If waiting on the playground please follow social distancing rules and respect other family groups. Please do not allow your child to socialise with friends during drop off and collection times.
- **Self Isolation** School will send home exercise books and app login details to all children. These should be utilised in the event of a 'bubble group' being asked to self isolate, Home learning will be available from the 'home learning' link on the school website. At the end of the home learning period, your child's work must be returned to school to be marked.

Thank you for your continued support.

This year we will be providing the children with a learning planner. They are designed slightly differently for each key stage, to suit the children's learning needs.

EYFS Home Learning and Communication book
KS1 Learning Organiser and Home communication book
KS2 Learning Organiser

The children will be shown how to use them by their class teacher. The learning planners will go home every night and should be brought back to school everyday. Please support us to improve communication between home and school by reading and signing your child's planner every week.

Thorntree Nursery

There are places currently available in our school Nursery. We also offer 30 hour free childcare places for working families.

If you think you may be eligible, please speak to Mrs Nelson, Mrs Saaman in Nursery or a member of the administration team.



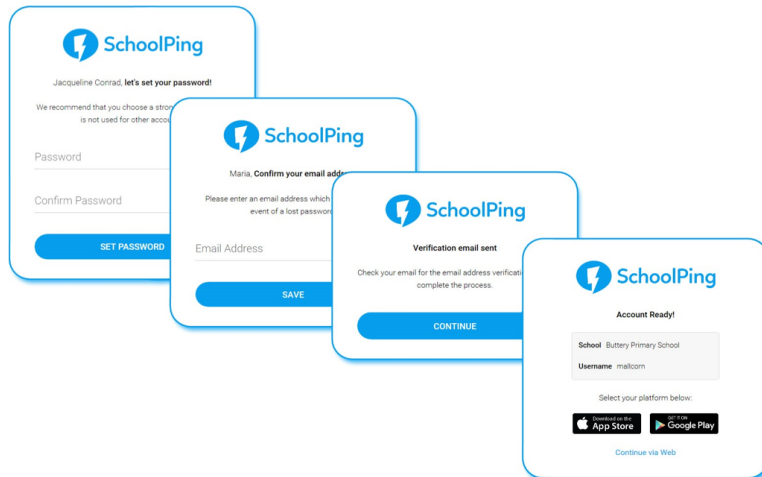
Getting Started with SchoolPing

Please make sure you have completed the 'School Ping' email address form, that went home as part of the 'Parents/carer's guide for September opening' information

Download SchoolPing



Your username and password will be provided to you by your child's school, or provided to you in the form of an email. The app is available for Android and iPhone and can be downloaded by searching for SchoolPing in the Play Store or App Store. Once this has downloaded, choose the relevant School name from the list. If you would rather log in through the web, you can ask the school for the web address.



Log in to SchoolPing

Type in your username and password and click on "Log in". You will then be taken through the set up steps. If you have been sent an email, you will be taken through these steps after clicking on "Start using SchoolPing. After setting your password you will be asked to enter your e-mail address, Keep in mind that your email address can only be used to verify one account.

Verify your email address

The final step is to verify your email address. This can be done by clicking on the link which will be emailed to you. You will be asked to enter your password and then click "verify email".

