



Wednesday 1st September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

In anticipation for the children coming back to school tomorrow, this is an outline of some of the new procedures surrounding COVID 19. These are in line with The DfE's document: 'Contingency framework: education and childcare settings.'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1011704/20210817_Contingency_Framework_FINAL.pdf

Our full risk assessment, reflecting these changes, is available on the school website.

Most of the restrictions on education have been removed. The school will no longer be operating in 'bubbles'. This means that playtimes and lunchtimes are back to how they were pre-COVID, that is; the whole school will access the playground together. Lunchtime will run from 12pm to 1.05pm for all children. Assemblies will also be reinstated.

However, there are a couple of changes we will be keeping, as they worked well.

- We will keep the opening of all gates and classroom doors at the start and end of the day, as it eased the flow of children in and out of the school. Gates/doors open at 8:45am in the morning and 3:10pm in the afternoon.
- We will also keep the children coming into school on their PE days in their PE kit, as this significantly increased the time they were able to participate in lessons.

Please be aware of the new guidance for positive cases:

Those who test positive should isolate, take a confirmatory polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, and continue to isolate if the result is positive. Schools will need to be prepared to implement high-quality blended learning arrangements so that any child who is well enough to learn from home can do so.

*Under-18s, irrespective of their vaccination status, and double vaccinated adults will **not need** to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. They will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will need to isolate.*

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As before, if your child shows any of the symptoms of COVID19 whilst at school you will be asked to collect them as quickly as possible and organise a PCR test. Please don't send them in if you feel they have symptoms without accessing a PCR test.

I sincerely hope that we do not have another disrupted year. I know the staff will continue to work as hard as possible to ensure that we continue our rigorous catch-up schedule of work. Here's to a really successful year.

Yours sincerely,

Ms S Warnes, Headteacher

