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Key changes to Covid Measures and General Return to School Reminders

1st September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have had a wonderful summer holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on **Thursday 2nd September**. This letter is to inform you of key changes and reminders for the children's return to school.

Covid Safety Measures:

As you will all be aware over the summer break many covid rules and legal requirements changed. New guidance for schools has been published to enable us to run the school in a much more 'normal' way. Having reviewed this guidance, we have taken what we believe is a common-sense approach that allows us to run the school in the most effective and safe way.

- If your child develops symptoms of Covid 19, they must not attend school. Please inform the school and book a PCR test for your child. If the test result is negative and your child is well enough to attend school they should then do so. See <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/> for further guidance.
- Double vaccinated adults or those under 18 will not need to isolate if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for covid. Instead if they are contacted by NHS test and trace they will be advised to take a PCR test and if that test is positive they must self-isolate. **The implications of this is that in September the school will not be sending children home to self-isolate if they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for covid.**
- Schools are no longer required to identify close contacts of pupils or staff who test positive for Covid 19. However we feel that a common sense approach is to inform parents if their child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19 and advise them to get a PCR test for their child. There will be no requirement for the child to self isolate whilst awaiting the test result and unless they develop symptoms they can attend school as normal. If they do test positive they will need to self-isolate in line with current government requirements.
- Parents are encouraged to regularly take part in asymptomatic testing (ideally twice a week using a lateral flow test). A letter with more information regarding this will follow.

Other Measures in Place:

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- Masks will no longer be required **outside** the building but will continue to be required inside. We will request that parents wear a face covering when entering the school building.

- It is preferable if only 1 parent/carer drops off and collects their child.

- We will continue to encourage children to regularly wash/sanitise their hands and there will be increased ventilation (open windows) in rooms.

- No more bubbles

- We will not be having whole school or large assemblies in the hall. These assemblies will continue remotely.

- We will be resuming class assemblies but only parents and siblings will be invited to attend. This is in order to limit the number of people in the hall at one time.

- We are planning to have face to face parent/carer evenings. Meet the Teacher briefings will be done remotely.

The guidance does have the caveat that we may be asked to return to bubbles and other measures if it is deemed necessary.

Start/Finish times:

Year Groups	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery am	8:45	11:45
Nursery pm	12:30	3:30
Reception and Year 1	8:50-9:00	3:20
Years 2, 3 and 5	8:45-8:55	3:15
Years 4 and 6	8:40-8:50	3:10

General Reminders:

- If your child requires medication when in school (for example asthma inhalers/epipen) it must be in school on the first day of term.

- If your child has packed lunch please ensure it is healthy. We are a nut free school.

- Please provide your child with a labelled water bottle.

- All children should wear the required school uniform. Please ensure it is correctly labelled with first and second name.

- We will continue to ask for children to come to school in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E.

Thank you for how you have followed the rules and guidance over the last academic year. Your compliance with what we have asked and the support of the school is very much appreciated. As we enter the next phase of returning to pre-pandemic life we need to respect the fact that everyone's situation is different and some people are understandably concerned. We would like parents to socially distance where this can be reasonably done, so that everyone can feel safe

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and comfortable in and around the school. Respect, cooperation and kindness are the core values of the school and I know that you will continue to show those to each other, our staff and children.

Yours sincerely



David Wilson, Headteacher

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