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'Excellence and happiness for all'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday and that you have all remained safe and well. We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7 September and welcoming our Early Years children throughout the week.

As you are aware, the Government guidance changed over the Summer for schools and as a Trust, we have made plans relating to this. Our updated risk assessment will be on our school website on Monday 6 September 2021.

I'm sure you can appreciate that although the guidance has changed, it is still important that we minimise the risk of Covid-19 and therefore we will be maintaining and adhering to some procedures in order to keep everyone safe on the school site, whilst prioritising our delivery of face-to-face high quality education to all our pupils. As we continue to learn to live with the virus, we will all need to be ready and willing to book a test if displaying Covid-19 symptoms. All children can be tested if they have symptoms, including children under 5.

Further information about school re-opening next Tuesday is below and will hopefully provide a smooth return to school.

Back to school in Sept 2021

- Our school day has returned to the timings prior to Covid-19. School gates open at 8.40 – 8.50am and pick up will move back to the usual time of 3.20pm for EYFS and 3.30pm for Y1 – Y6.
- There will not be a one-way system at the beginning and end of the school day - you will be able to come and go through any of the gates open.
- To continue to build independence for our children, we ask that parents/carers drop their children off at the classroom door and do not enter the school building at the beginning and end of the day.
- Mrs Riley (Y3), Mrs Sims/Mrs Cunningham (Y4), and Mrs Harris/Mrs William's (Y5) classes will all access and leave the school via their outside doors that lead onto the school car park.
- Lunches will be taken in the hall and children will receive approximately an hours break. Hot dinners will be available.



- I am delighted to report that our Multi-sports Pitch has been completed over the Summer. We hope to make good use of this and the Trim Trail. We are trialling a rotation of areas, at break and lunchtimes, on the playground/field across the week so that all children have the opportunity to use this equipment. We are introducing three main areas to the playground that children will use across the week linked to our 3Cs – Poppy Pastures (Community Squirrel), Bluebell Woods (Curiosity Owl) and Daisy Meadows (Challenge Hedgehog). More information about this will be shared during the first few weeks of term.
- School uniform is to be worn by all children and dark coloured appropriate school shoes. No trainers or brightly coloured footwear.
- Y5 & Y6 will be able to wear their PE/Games kit to school on their PE/Games day(s) - your child's teacher will let the children know when these are.
- Our Forest School work begins next week. Year 3 will be accessing this provision first and will be joining our Forest School Staff on a Thursday morning to carry out a range of exciting activities. The fire pit and the log rounds, look fabulous! Year 3, will need to come in appropriate clothing on a Thursday morning and bring their uniform with them to change into. (More information will be given to Year 3 parents next week about this by teachers).
- We look forward to bringing more music back to school, lots of singing and working with our community. When possible singing will take place outside or in a well ventilated room.
- We will continue to maintain appropriate cleaning regimes and keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Assemblies will be a mixture of online and face-to-face during the first half term and this will be continuously reviewed.

We continue to ask you to:

- maintain high levels of hand hygiene. (Santiser will be available for visitors in school) Regular handwashing in school will continue and the message of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' remains. This will continue to help to stop the spread of Covid-19 but also other viruses such as colds, flu etc, which tend to make an appearance at this time of year.
- Please do not bring unnecessary equipment. Children do not need pens/pencils etc as these are supplied in school. No large bags - children should only bring their PE kit/swimming kit, water bottle and lunch box if required.
- We ask that parents do not come into the school building, unless a prior arrangement with a member of staff has been made. Access is via the main school office entrance.
- It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive result from an LFD test, self-isolates immediately, whilst they get a confirmatory PCR test.

Remember that **no-one** should visit the school site if they have Covid-19 symptoms and children **must not** come to school if they are showing symptoms.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please be aware that schools no longer have to carry out contact tracing and close contacts will now be identified by NHS Test and Trace. However, we do ask that you inform us if your child

tests positive for Covid-19. Please see up to date guidance on isolation and testing on the links at the bottom of this letter.

Whilst some measures are relaxed, others will remain and if necessary we will all need to be prepared to step measures up and down in future depending on our circumstances and the advice from professionals. We would really appreciate your support with this as we transition to a world where we continue to live with Covid-19.

I do hope that this information is useful for you and we all look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Corrine Penhale

Headteacher

Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone in school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, **we are still advised to send them home** and they should follow public health advice.

For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.

The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).