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Dear Parents/Carers,

Return to school - 6th September 2021

Firstly, I do hope that you are all well and enjoyed the summer holidays in whatever form that may have taken. The government has recently updated their COVID-19 Operational Guidance for schools and I felt it was important to share with you some of the key messages as well as how we as a school will be returning to some of our pre-pandemic routines.

Start and finish times

We will no longer be implementing staggered start and finish times. Therefore, the school will open its gates from 0840 each morning for a period of ten minutes. The gates will then close at 0850. Parents and children should wait in the car park. At the end of the school day, children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will leave at 1515 with Key Stage 2 children leaving five minutes later at 1520. Again, parents and carers should wait for their children in the car park.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. This means it's your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly. All clinically extremely vulnerable children should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend.

Bubbles

We will no longer keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that assemblies and larger group activities can resume. Children will also resume mixing at playtimes and lunchtimes.

If there is an outbreak at school, we might be advised that it is necessary to reintroduce bubbles or to keep groups apart for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups. This forms part of our Outbreak Management Plan which will shortly be available for you on our website.

Face coverings

Face coverings will no longer be required, either for you as parents or for staff at school. Again, this may need to be reintroduced if there is an outbreak at school.



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Tracing and self-isolation

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parents to identify close contacts. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. As parents or carers, you may be contacted to help with identifying close contacts.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test.

Positive rapid lateral flow test results

Anyone with a positive test result will need to:

- self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance
- [book a PCR test](#) to confirm the result

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within the 2 days following the positive LFD result, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to school.

If you suspect your child has coronavirus or has a positive test

Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test result

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Best wishes

Gareth Griffith
Headteacher



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