



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August

**Executive Head:** Rob Litten

**Deputy Executive Head:** Rachel Bains

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding our return to school on **Friday 3rd of September**. I am pleased to say that **school will return to normal.** We are really looking forward to seeing you and your children again.

**KEY POINTS:**

- **From the 16<sup>th</sup> August under 18-year olds will no longer be required to self-isolate.**
- If someone's been in close contact with a positive case they do not need to isolate if they have had both vaccinations or are under the age of 18. They will be advised to take a PCR test.
- If a child in school tests positive they will follow government guidelines and isolate. Children in the class will not have to self-isolate.
- If a child in school begins to show any of the COVID 19 symptoms you will be contacted to come and collect your child and take them for a PCR test. If the PCR test comes back negative they can return to school. If the test comes back positive, they will have to isolate.
- If your child displays any of the COVID 19 symptoms at home don't bring them to school and book a PCR test.
- Any children who test positive will be expected to complete home learning if they are well enough to do so.

**Risk Assessment and Control measures:**

The School's Risk Assessment has been updated and this will be added to the school website and sent to you as a matter of courtesy. In short, we will ensure:

- Good hygiene for everyone. Handwashing/sanitising on entry and at each breaktime. Catch it, bin it, kill it!
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes. Surfaces to be cleaned at break time and lunchtime.
- Ventilate occupied spaces such as classrooms.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolating and managing confirmed cases.

**Contingency Plan**

We are required to have a contingency plan, so that we know what to do if there is an outbreak of Corona Virus in our school. The plan is very similar to what we have done in the past when the school was closed. Closing the school or isolating a whole class at home is now an **absolute last resort**. This will only happen if we are told to do so by Public Health England.

The plan will be added to the school website before term starts.

**Start and Finish Times**

You are no longer required to wear a face mask on the school site, but a member of staff may ask you to during a face to face meeting indoors.

Classroom doors will open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am for the register to be taken.

The school day will end at 3.15pm.

## **PE Days and Kit**

On the days your child has PE could they please come into school wearing their PE kit (**not Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September** as classes will be getting to know their new teachers and friends that day). We found this to be really popular with staff, pupils and parents when we first introduced this during the pandemic.

The PE Days are as follows:

Reception - Friday  
Year 1 - Monday & Friday  
Year 2 - Friday & Monday  
Year 3 - Thursday & Monday  
Year 4 - Thursday & Tuesday  
Year 5 - Monday & Wednesday  
Year 6 - Wednesday & Thursday

## **Extra information:**

### **A few kind reminders**

- Children can bring a water bottle to school which may contain water or squash (ideally low sugar).
- We are a 'nut free' school, we have pupils with nut allergies; our first aiders politely request that nuts and nut spreads do not come into school.
- Snack time - older pupils often bring a snack into school for break time - ideally this should be part of a healthy balanced diet. A healthy diet for children includes a minimum of 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day. We encourage you to provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks for a snack.
- We are here to help!

We are all very excited and really looking forward to seeing you and children again. It's going to be a brilliant school year!

Our best wishes,



Mr Rob Litten Executive  
Headteacher

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