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Primary School

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## **New School Year 2021/22 Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank you again for your support in what has been another challenging year for everyone. As restrictions ease within society, we have had an update from the Department of Education on what this may mean for us as a school.

### **Bubbles**

We will no longer be operating in bubbles from August and most things at school will be transitioned to move to normal. We appreciate that it has been nearly two years since we left normality so will send out communications on how things will work, some reminders and some COVID measures that will continue.

### **Isolation after close contact**

Schools will no longer be identifying contacts for COVID, nor will we be sending home children to isolate. This will be the responsibility of NHS Track and Trace moving forward.

In addition, those under the age of 18 will no longer have to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Track and Trace as having been near someone with COVID, instead they will be advised to take a PCR test and anyone testing positive will still be required to isolate. We will still need this evidence to add to our attendance records.

### **Control Measures**

The following control measures will continue:

- \*Hand and respiratory hygiene e.g., washing hands, hand sanitizers, coughing into the elbow, 'catch it, bin it' for sneezes.
- \*Keeping classrooms well ventilated.
- \*Cleaning routines e.g., regular cleaning of areas with particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
- \*Twice weekly Lateral Flow testing for staff
- \*Staff, pupils and other adults should continue to follow the advice of public health on when to isolate: do not come into school if you have symptoms of COVID-19; do not come into school if you are awaiting a PCR test result; do not come in to school if you are quarantining due to travel.



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### School Timings and Entry/Exit routines

Our school timings will return to very near normal:

**EYFS: 8:45 – 3:15 p.m.** - Children will walk through to their classroom and school staff will be there to support. EYFS staff will dismiss the children from their classroom doors to an adult.

**Year 1 & 2: 8:45 – 3:20 p.m.** – Parents can bring their child to their classroom through Gate 1 and hand over to a member of staff who will support them into the cloakroom and to their first activity. At the end of the day, Year 1 will be dismissed from their classroom doors. Year 2 will be brought round and dismissed to an adult on the playground. All adults will be able to wait on the playground for their child.

**Year 3 & 4: 8:45 – 3:25 p.m.** – Children to enter independently through the main doors. Year 4 will walk straight to their classes independently and Year 3 will be supported through the main hall until they can do this independently after October half term. Children will be handed over to an adult through the main doors at the end of the day. Year 3 will begin dismissal at 3:20 p.m. and Year 4 will begin their dismissal at 3:25 p.m.

**Year 5 & 6: 8:45 – 3:25 p.m.** – Children to enter independently through Gate 3. Staff will be at the top of the gate to support them into class until October half term. After October half term, they will complete this independently. They will be dismissed through the same gate. Please email the office if you are happy for your child to walk home and they will be dismissed first to ease congestion.

### Swimming

Swimming will resume as part of our curriculum offer. Year 5 will start in the Autumn Term, and you will receive a letter with more details once it is your child's turn to swim.

### After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume as part of our Extra-Curricular offer. Clubs will be released in the Autumn Term on a first come, first serve basis.

### Trips

Trips will resume as part of our Enrichment Offer. Letters will go out as and when trips are arranged.

### Open Days and Parental Sessions

We will look forward to inviting parents and carers in for open days, assemblies etc. We will share dates so that you have them available to you as soon as they are finalised.



### School Uniform/PE Days

Children will be expected to wear their full school uniform every day. They will need to bring their PE kit with them on PE days which will be shared by their new class teacher in the first few days of term.

### Pencil Cases

We will still be providing children with a pencil case so they will not need to bring them into school.

### Social Times

All sports activities will be resumed. All sporting teams will be able to compete at school level. We are signed up to all our leagues, tournaments, and cross-country tournaments.

The best thing of all is that we our communication can have a sense of normality. We strongly feel that our relationships with parents and carers have been a strength over the years which the children benefit from and we cannot wait to resume this without full COVID restrictions.

More information will follow.

We hope that this answers the immediate questions that you may have but if you have any further questions then do email the office. With these we will begin a Frequently Asked Document that you will be able to access in August.

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