

8th September

Dear Parents

Welcome Back - COVID 19 Update

May I take this chance to welcome you all back for the start of the Autumn term and to let you know how great it is to see all of the children together once again.

As you'll be aware, this term we are no longer required to use a bubble system or to enforce isolation of whole classes should a case of Covid 19 arise in a class in school. Should a child test positive, we will inform you that this is the case, and NHS test and Trace may contact you to advise you to obtain a PCR test. All children though, unless symptomatic can continue to attend the school until they receive a positive PCR result.

As last year, should your child develop symptoms at home, they should not attend school but go for a PCR test. In addition, if your child develops symptoms at school we will isolate them within school and ask you to collect them and take them for a PCR test.

We have decided to continue with our one way system as although we have new guidelines we are still advised to reduce the possibility of transmission where sensible. Masks are no longer required on the school grounds, however, should there be an outbreak of positive cases, then under advice from Public Health England, we may need to re-introduce these for a period of time. We really hope this is not the case. An updated version of the school's Covid Risk Assessment can be found on the school website.

What the changes do mean is that the school can reintroduce some normality after what has been an incredible last 20 months. Assemblies, lunches and breaktimes will return to normal for the children and it is super to see the children mixing again with one another.

By the start of next week we will be sending home a list of term dates, and by the end of this week, we hope to have our afterschool activity list for you so that you can see what things your child may wish to do.

The next weeks and months are unknown to all of us and doubtlessly situations will arise which we will not have had experience with before. I thank you in advance for your patience and support and sincerely hope that we have a smooth term, with lots of amazing moments that the children will really enjoy.

Yours sincerely

Mr J. Raw