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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are extremely excited to be welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th September. I hope you had a lovely Summer with your families and were able to enjoy your holidays. I know for some, the holidays can be a stressful time, but please know that as a whole school community, we are here to help in any way we can.

I am sure many of you are eager to discover what measures will be in place within school during the Autumn Term. We have followed DfE guidance and our school risk assessment when making these decisions, so please read this letter carefully for changes and reminders of our procedures, as well as going back to some 'pre-pandemic' procedures which seems like an eternity ago!

In line with the school's attendance policy, your child is expected to be in school from Monday 6th September. If for any reason, this is not possible, please do contact the school office.

I would like to remind you at this point that if your child tests positive for Covid-19, the isolation period must be completed before returning to school. Also, please remember, if your child is showing any of the following symptoms: a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, then they need to remain at home and only return once they test negative on a PCR test or, if they have tested positive, after their isolation period has ended.

From 16th August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid-19.

Beginning and end of the school day;

- Face Masks are no longer compulsory on school site. However, if some adults choose to wear face masks, please respect their decision.
- All staff will continue to have access to twice-weekly testing until the end of September when this is reviewed by the DfE.
- There is no requirement for social distancing on school site, but please do respect other people's space and remain 2 metres apart where you can.
- Only one adult will be allowed in the foyer at any one time.
- All children will be expected to arrive at school no later than 8:50am.
- Children will need to be collected at 3:30pm which will be the end of the school day.

Drop-off points will vary from before the Summer so please look below to see where your child needs to be at the beginning of the day and where to be collected at the end of the school day.

Year Morning drop-off Afternoon collection

- Year 1 (Mrs Hughes) Playground Playground
- Year 2 (Mrs Moss & Mrs Wright) Playground Playground
- Year 3 (Mrs Kumeta & Mrs Lee) Playground The front office
- Year 4 (Mr Everson) Playground The front office
- Year 5 (Mr Loosemoore) External door by Year 4 External door by Year 4
- Year 6 (Miss McCann) Year 6 external door Year 6 external door

We will still use barriers on the playground so that there is a clear distinction between where the parents stand and where the children line-up.

There will be signposts for the first few weeks to help children know where to line-up.

During the mornings, a member of the school staff (normally Mr Wallace) will ring a bell to signal when the children need to line-up.

You are reminded that children should not play in the MUGA or on the outdoor equipment before school.

Risk Assessment - this has been updated and will be available to you next week on our school website.

Throughout the school day;

There is no longer a requirement for bubbles within school, but we have decided not to hold whole school assemblies and will start the year with only Key Stage assemblies.

- Regular hand washing, hand sanitising and stringent cleaning routines will be maintained and monitored.
- The health and wellbeing of all staff and children is monitored - pupils and staff are not allowed on site if they display any symptoms.
- All rooms and corridors are well ventilated to allow for air flow and movement.

Uniform and clothing;

We need to keep the classrooms well ventilated. Children can wear an extra layer under their uniform to keep themselves warm. However, it will never get to the point where children need to wear coats or scarves.

All children need a coat with them every day.

If you need help with school uniform, you should talk to the class teacher or the headteacher.

Children need to bring a named water bottle to school. This should only consist of water.

PE kits will no longer be worn to school on PE days, children must bring their PE kits to school with them in a separate PE bag.

Curriculum;

Children will have an exciting and varied curriculum.

Lunches;

Hot food will again be available to order on ParentPay. Please remember that we are a nut free school and in order to keep those with allergies safe, we will not allow nut products on site. Please be mindful when preparing snacks and lunchboxes.

After school clubs;

After school clubs will run again this term and more information on this will be communicated with you in due course.

Working together;

I know there is light at the end of the tunnel during this pandemic and things are heading in the right direction. As we approach the next few weeks, we need to continue to work together to keep everyone as safe as we can. As a school, we will of course maintain our thorough health and safety procedures.

Finally, I would like to say that we are looking forward to seeing all of the children next week and we are excited for what this year will bring.

Yours sincerely,

Mr F Wallace

Headteacher