



1st Sept 2021

Arrangements from Monday 6th September 2021 – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to confirm the arrangements for school from the start of the new term in September following the latest operational guidance released by the Gov.uk in July 2021.

Start and Finish Times: Monday – Thursday:

Year Group	Doors open	Doors Close	Drop-off Point	Home time	Collection Point
Rec	08:45	08:55	Reception gates	3.25	Reception gates
1	08:45	08:55	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
2	08:45	08:55	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
3 & 4	08:45	08:55	Back of school	3.30	Back of school
5	08:45	08:55	Side entrance near bike shed	3.30	Back of school – hall
6	08:45	08:55			Side entrance near bike shed

Start and Finish Times: Fridays:

Year group	Doors Open	Doors Close	Home time
Reception	08:45	08:55	12.50
Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	08:45	08:55	12:55

Play and Dinner Times

Play and dinner times will now go back to normal times. Sandwiches in class will now end and all children will have their meals in the hall.

Assemblies

Assemblies in hall will now continue and children in Key Stages will start to meet together as a whole school. Singing at this moment will be kept to class level.

Enrichment clubs

After 1 and half years of putting this on hold, I am pleased to say that Enrichment is now back on and will start in the Autumn term (approx. after 2 weeks).



Walking routes on and off the school site

Due to the success of the one-way system, we will continue to use this system initially in September and will review it later in the term. The one-way system will still be in use so parents and families will be expected to follow the routes we currently have in place.

Parking on Glenville Drive

Access to Glenville Drive in the mornings and afterschool will still continue. Those who have a Disability Badge in their name will be granted access. All temporary passes have now been reviewed and applications for September can be made in September and not before.

Bubbles and Self-Isolation

From Monday 16th August, there will be no need to self-isolate as a close contact if you have been double vaccinated. Children also do not need to isolate due to contact at that point, this means that we should not have to close ‘bubbles’ if there is a positive case of covid. People who are positive with Covid themselves will still need to isolate but this will not affect the rest of the pupils. This means we no longer need to keep the children in consistent groups, known as ‘bubbles’.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Settings only needed to do contact tracing up to and including 18 July. Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. 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. You may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

School will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Uniform including PE uniform.

The school’s uniform will remain the same. Year 6 will be wearing school blazer paid for by the school.

Children will be expected to wear their PE Uniform on the days they have PE. Your child's teacher will let you know which day this is in September. Trainers are not part of school uniform and parents will be challenged why they are not providing for their child's needs.

Attendance and Lates

Pupils attendance and lates will be strictly monitored. Over the past few weeks unannounced visits have been made to some families houses and we will be continuing these in September. In the event that there is no answer, we will continue to make contact.

If attendance still continues to be a cause for concern, then an Attendance and Lates Action plan will be drawn up at the family house and not in school.

Hand Hygiene

We will continue to ask children to wash their hands regularly and will continue to provide hand sanitiser; the children and staff have got into good habits with this so we want to continue this into the winter months to reduce the risk of more viruses spreading.

Face Coverings

Staff and adults, including family members, will no longer be required to wear a face covering on site. I hope that this information clarifies the arrangements for September. All the arrangements in this letter are potentially subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases; we might be asked to go back to the current bubble arrangements and timings for school for a short period of time. We really hope this isn't the case but we would be able to respond quickly to that situation if it arises.

I hope this information helps ahead of time.

Best wishes,

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