



2nd September 2021



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Return to school September 2021

We hope that you have had a great summer and that you are all feeling rested and ready for the new term. We have now finalised the arrangements for returning to school on 6<sup>th</sup> September, following a series of DfE guidance over the summer period.

Arrangements for September are as follows:

- We will continue with the drop off and collection arrangements that were in place before the summer:

<p>Drop off</p> 	<p>In the morning, the school gates open at 8.45am and will close promptly at 9.00am. Children in Nursery/Reception are to be dropped off at the EYFS gate and children from Year 1 to Year 6 are to be dropped off at the main front gate. Children will go straight to their classroom to be registered. Children in Year 1 will be met at the gate by Lisha who knows the children well having worked with them in Reception last year.</p>
<p>Collection</p> 	<p>School finishes at 3.30pm and children will be lined up in their classes in the playground ready to be collected by their parents/carers. <b>We ask that all parents/carers enter the school site using the main front gate. However, when exiting the school site, parents/carers/pupils are permitted to exit via either the EYFS gate, Moresby Road or the Main front gate.</b></p>

- We ask that parents do not enter the school building unless a meeting has been pre-arranged.
- Face masks are no longer required. However, this remains a personal choice.
- The After School Club run by Nation Sports will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. They will liaise with you directly.
- Full school uniform is now expected for all children. Please ensure your child wears this every day. If you have any problems purchasing school uniform, please let the school office know. Donations of any uniform are always welcome.
- Class PE days are below, this will start from September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure children bring their full PE kit to school on these days:

Tuesday	1H, 2M and 5L
Wednesday	3T, 6P and 6E
Thursday	Reception, Nursery and 4B

From the start of the academic year, the government have informed us that there is no requirement for us to maintain social distancing rules in school. Although there are a few key things we will continue to do:

- ensure good levels of hygiene with regular handwashing
- uphold appropriate cleaning regimes
- keep the school well ventilated

Please be advised that these arrangements will be in place unless we are advised by the DfE that there is a need to revert back to our Outbreak Management Plan. This may include our previous measures such as bubbles and compulsory face masks etc. Should we need to do this, we will contact you via email with specific details of procedures. An outbreak management plan will be implemented should there be a sudden rise of cases in our area. We will continue to take advice from Public Health England for as long as necessary. We are however, very pleased that we can now get back to a more normalised approach to our school day.

Please remember that if your child shows any symptoms of Covid, you must ensure they are kept at home and you order a PCR test (not lateral flow test) to confirm whether or not they have Covid. Please see attached guidance from the government on who now needs to isolate when a close contact or household member has Covid symptoms or tests positive. Additional information can be found on the government website.

Although we are now hopefully getting back to normality, please ensure that you continue to social distance as much as possible and follow the systems we have put in place to keep our school day running smoothly. We look forward to seeing all the children back on **Monday 6th September**.

Yours sincerely,



**Pete Brodie**  
Acting Head of School

## Contacts who are not required to self-isolate from 16 August

From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you are notified you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Fully vaccinated means that you have been vaccinated with an MHRA approved COVID-19 vaccine in the UK, and at least 14 days have passed since you received the recommended doses of that vaccine.

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know that you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate. If you are not legally required to self-isolate you will be provided with advice on testing and given guidance on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you will be advised to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Children aged 4 and under will not be advised to take a test unless the positive case was someone in their own household.

You should not arrange to have a PCR test if you have previously received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms of COVID-19, as it is possible for PCR tests to remain positive for some time after COVID-19 infection.

Even if you are vaccinated, you can still be infected with COVID-19 and pass it on to others. If you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 but you are not required to self-isolate, you can help protect others by following the [guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread](#). As well as getting a PCR test, you may also consider:

- limiting close contact with people outside your household, especially in enclosed spaces
- wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing
- limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable
- taking part in twice weekly [LFD testing](#)

This advice applies until 10 full days after your most recent contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you are a health or social care worker who has been identified as a close contact and are exempt from self-isolation, there is [additional guidance available](#) that you should follow to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 in these settings.

Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on public or dedicated transport.

If you develop symptoms at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#) and follow the [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms](#).