



6th September 2021

Welcome Back

Dear Parents/ Carer,

I hope you have all had a restful summer break. Myself, and staff are looking forward to seeing the children back in school on **Wednesday 8th September** of which we hope will be a more 'normal' year for us all.

As we begin the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to give all our families some updates and reminders.

COVID restrictions update:

This year, we start the school year as near to normal as possible. There are several changes that everyone needs to be aware of:

- Children will no longer be in 'bubbles' and will at points through the day be mixing with children that are not in their class.
- Children will be able to mix at playtimes and lunchtimes – this will be 2 year groups at a time so there will still be plenty of space to play.
- We will hold face to face assemblies in the school hall for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

We do continue to be aware that Covid has not disappeared and we will do our very best to minimise its impact in school life. To do this, we again need your support:

If your child has covid-19 symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell) please do not send them to school. Ring the school office to report the absence and book a PCR test immediately. Please then update school again when you have your child's results as we will need to see these before your child can come back into school. Anyone in the household that is under 18 or double jabbed does not have to isolate.

If your child develops symptoms whilst at school, they will immediately isolate (under supervision) until a parent/carer collects. Parents are asked to book a PCR test for their child and the child cannot return until results are shown to a member of the office team or SLT.

If there is a positive case in your child's class, it is no longer a requirement for the whole class to close and therefore the class will remain open and face to face learning will continue. If your child is identified as a direct contact, you will be contacted by Track and Trace who will support you further.

We will continue to be guided by Public Health England and our risk assessments will be reviewed regularly. As always, if you have any questions, please do ask.



Timings:

On **Wednesday 8th September** all children are expected to return to school. There will no longer be a staggered drop off and pick up times.

- Doors open at 8.35am and close at 8:50am.
- Teachers will meet and greet your child from 8:35am on the playground.
- Any child who arrives at school after 8.50am will need to enter the building via the main office and will be marked as late.
- School closes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly from their allocated class exit

Please find attached to this letter where your child will need dropping off and picking up.

Attendance:

It is vital that all children have good attendance; for their educational progress, for their wellbeing, and for their wider development particularly due to the disruption to their education last year. Good school attendance is set as above 96%. We understand that on occasions your child may be too unwell to attend school and if this is the case, we may ask you to get advice and support from your doctor. However, it is important that your child attends school every day unless they:

- are covid-19 positive
or
- have covid-19 symptoms and are awaiting PCR test results.

No doubt you will be aware that the guidance for isolation has now changed. If a member of your household has symptoms or is positive, your child does not need to isolate and therefore should be in school as usual. If you wish to read more information about the rules for isolation, you can find read it [here](#).

Uniform:

Children should wear school uniform at all times, this includes:

- Yellow polo shirt with logo
- Purple sweatshirt with logo
- Black sweatshirt for Year 6 pupils
- Grey trousers/pinafore dress/skirt
- Grey or white socks
- Black shoes – low heeled (no trainers)

We will continue to ask children to come to school in their PE kit on their class PE day. This has been a successful change allowing children much more time to spend on actual physical activity as opposed to getting changed.

PE kit includes:

- A pair of pumps
 - White T-shirt
 - Black shorts, leggings or PE skirt.
 - Children may wear a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games
- If PE is outside and the weather is colder children will be able to wear coats at least whilst they get warmed up so, please don't worry about them getting cold!

Enjoy the final last two days of the holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 8th September** at **8:40am**.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E Monnery".

Mrs E Monnery
Head of School