

COVID UPDATE

Return to School 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly, may I thank you all again for the amazing job you have been doing over the past couple of months. I am truly hopeful that this is the last document I will have to write that has the words 'Return to school' within the title. Let us all hope that this latest road to recovery is just that and that maybe towards the end of this academic year, we can have some whole school events and experiences. Although we are all willing things to be 'normal' again, it is important to remember that certainly for the next few months, we will have to continue to ensure that COVID guidelines are adhered to in every way. Please do look through the document below in order to refresh your memory regarding the structure of the school day and up to date guidance.

School Site – Pick Up and Drop Off

- Face coverings must be worn by all parents / carers or siblings 12 years of age or older whilst picking up or dropping off on the school site. This will be in place for the foreseeable future. Please note that some members of staff will also be wearing face coverings at these points in the day.
- Staff may also continue to wear a face covering (visors or face masks) throughout the day in class.
- A reminder that drop offs and pick ups should be undertaken by **one parent**. I have noticed a number of couples or families picking up a single child. **Please do not be offended if you are challenged about this, we really are trying to keep site traffic to a minimum.**
- A reminder that the 'ONE WAY' system will still be in place. Please do continue to drop and go in order to ensure fluid movement around the school (This has worked well so far – Thank you)
- Please continue to notify the school office if you or your child needs to isolate due to COVID, particularly in the case of a test but also as a result of any contact tracing. We are able to supply work for children during their isolation period and this work will be distributed through your child's Microsoft Teams email address.
- **If you are in any doubt about the health of your child then please seek medical advice or a COVID test if advised to do so. Please note that if we send a child home and ask for a test to be done, that your child will not be able to return to school until we have seen a negative test result or the full isolation period has been observed.**

Pick Up and Drop Off Times

- Drop Off and Pick up times are staggered for a reason. Arriving at school 5 minutes late or 5 minutes early can lead to unnecessary congestion.
 - Nursery morning and afternoon sessions are unchanged
 - Hedgehogs and Squirrels – 8:55a.m. drop off – 3:00p.m. pick up
 - Year 3 and 4 – 8:55a.m. drop off – 3:00p.m. pick up
 - Year 1 and 2 – 9:10a.m. drop off – 3:15p.m. pick up
 - Year 5 and 6 – 9:10a.m. drop off – 3:15p.m. pick up

You can only drop off early at 8:55 if you have at least one child needing to be dropped off at that time.

School Organisation

For the time being, we will continue to operate the 'bubble system' in school. This will mean that for the vast majority of the time pupils will be within their class grouping. Year groupings may continue to be used if needed (particularly at break times).

Attendance at School

From 8th March it will be a legal requirement that you child attends school unless they are still required to 'shield' or are unwell. We are looking forward to inviting everyone back and returning to full attendance. Our attendance in the term leading up to Christmas was 97.5%, which was the highest start to school year in the last 7 years. We look forward to returning to those attendance levels this term.

School Lunches

We will continue to provide hot meals for those choosing to take up the offer. For those in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, they will eat their hot meals in the school hall within their 'bubbles' at their allotted time. For our Key Stage 2 children, they will continue to have their hot meals in their class environment.

In all cases, please do not forget to log on to the school meal site to order your meals the week before we return to school.

Cabin Club

You will be pleased to know that Cabin Club will be opening on 8th March. We will continue to operate Cabin Club within the bubble format as we were before Lock Down. We will only get rid of the 'bubble' format as restrictions are lifted. Please ensure you contact Mrs Pieton if you have any questions relating to Cabin Club.

Thank you again for your continued support