

COVID UPDATE

Return to School January 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

Firstly, may I wish you all a Happy New Year. Our experiences of the Christmas break I know will vary immensely, but I hope you all managed to have some family time and possibly some rest. As I write this, we are intending to be fully open for all children from Tuesday 5th January. You will be aware that there is growing national concern about the rising rate of infection and I'm sure that different levels of anxiety will be present throughout our school community. With the current rise in infection rates, I would like to remind you all of our COVID protocols including some additional measures.

Please do take time to look over the guidance:

- 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.
- As a further precaution, staff may also choose 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.**
- Please ensure you 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.
- Please note that there will be no face to face teaching if your child is not in school, unless there is another 'lock down' situation. At this point, face to face content will be scheduled.
- **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.**
- 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.

Thank you again for your continued support