

Wednesday September 1st 2021

## **Return to Academy Arrangements**

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have had a lovely summer and that the children are ready and excited about returning to school tomorrow.

### **Start and end times:**

All classroom doors will open at 8:40am ready for an 8:50am start of day.

The end of day will be 3:10pm for Nursery and 3:15pm for the rest of the academy classes.

### **Collection and one-way route**

All children will continue to enter through their external classroom door and be collected from their classroom door at the end of the day.

We have decided to keep the bottom gate as an entrance and the top gate as an exit point.

The path around school will be open to allow parents in years 1-4 to walk around the building and drop their children off. Parents dropping off to EY (Reception and Nursery) can leave through the EY gate but need to cross the front of the school through to the exit gate. Year 5 and 6 children and parents can also walk across the front of the school to reach the classrooms quickly and then use the top gate to exit.

### **Bubbles**

There is no longer a requirement for the children to be in bubbles but we are still required to keep the room well ventilated. This means that we can use staff across classrooms to maximise teaching – great news.

### **Positive Cases and symptoms**

If your child is unwell with any of the following symptoms, continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, runny nose, headache, diarrhea and or vomiting, we will ask that you take your child for a PCR test as these are the new government guidelines. We understand that this can be a frustration but it is important if we want to keep the school open.

If your child tests positive they must stay off school. Siblings will also need to go for a PCR test but if they test negative will be allowed to remain in school under the new guidelines. Contacts will be contacted through Test and Trace and we will only close sections of the school should 5 or more children and adults, who mix regularly, are infected. This will be classed as a localised outbreak.

### **Face coverings**

There is no requirement to wear a face covering but you are of course welcome to do so. Some staff may also choose to continue to wear their face covering.

We will continue to clean touch points in the school through the day and encourage good hygiene as we believe that this practice has reduced illness overall.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your children come to school in the correct uniform, including PE kit, with their names clearly labelled. (Biro washes out so will need to be regularly rewritten). The uniform policy can be found here:

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### Resources

The children do not need to bring in any classroom resources, pencil cases etc other than their book bags with their reading book and reading diary in it.

### Bags

Please only send your child to school with their book bag, no big bags please. Draw string bags should be used for PE kits as these hang safely on the pegs.

### Water bottles

We encourage children to bring a refillable bottle of water to school with them. We ask that it is water so that children can keep their bottles on their tables with out the risk of spilling sticky juice on their learning.

Kind regards,



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