

# BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 7th September 2020 - Newsletter

Please check our updated COVID 19 risk assessment on the website - if you would like more information about any plans, please call school.

## Welcome back, it's so good to see you.

It is great to welcome the children back over the coming days - we have worked hard to get the site ready for everyone. This newsletter is just to share some key information to help ensure we remain COVID secure for as long as we can. **Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we work with you to get this right.**

### Drop off and collection

- ◆ Parents who drop off and collect their children need to park up (leaving space for people to drive past) and walk your child to their designated entrance: Gate 1 for children in Blue and Red class and Gate 2 for children in Green, Yellow and Purple class. Here you will need to wait in a socially distanced line to hand over or collect your child from the member of staff. The times for this are: 9:15 and 2:45.
- ◆ Children arriving on Taxis will be directed to park in the designated bays where a member of staff will collect them and return them to their taxi. The times for this are: 9:00 and 3:00.

### Reading Books

We want to encourage home reading links and we will resume sending books home for your child to read with you. Reading books will be sent home on a Tuesday and can be returned to school on a Friday to be changed. This is to allow for a 72 hour quarantine. period, in-line with the Risk Assessment, before the book goes out again.



Photo Caption

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### Working together:

- ◆ If a pupil becomes unwell with COVID 19 symptoms whilst at school, the pupil will be taken to an isolation area.
- ◆ We will ask you to collect your child.
- ◆ The child is supervised in the isolation area by a member of staff.
- ◆ Once collected the staff member does not need to go home.
- ◆ We request that the pupil's parents access a test for their child, by calling 119.
- ◆ If the test is negative, the pupil can return to school, as soon as they feel well.
- ◆ If the test is positive, the pupil is to self-isolate for 7 days and the pupil's household is to self-isolate for 14 days.
- ◆ If positive the member of supervising staff and any individuals in the child's bubble are sent home to self-isolate for 14 days.



## At our school we will:

For any of your children at school, we will do our best to:

- ◆ Provide an environment that has been risk assessed and considered safe for reopening
- ◆ Adhere to the social distancing guidelines as set out by the government, as much as we reasonably can
- ◆ Support your child's wellbeing, such as by giving them someone to talk to if they feel anxious or overwhelmed, and access to a curriculum that meets their individual needs
- ◆ Contact you if your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 so they can be taken home and allowed to self-isolate
- ◆ Inform you if staff or children in your child's 'bubble' show symptoms of COVID-19, and help the NHS test and trace system get in touch with you if they test positive and the rest of the 'bubble' needs to self-isolate
- ◆ Enhance our hygiene measures, including more frequent cleaning and hand washing
- ◆ Provide meals, including free school meals for eligible pupils
- ◆ Communicate between home and school through notices, newsletters, text, email and the school website

## To help us all stay safe we ask Parents/carers:

If my child is coming into school, I understand and agree that:

- ◆ I need to monitor if my child or anyone in our household has symptoms of COVID-19 (i.e. a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell/taste)
- ◆ If my child or anyone in our household shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will not send them to school and we will self-isolate for the appropriate length of time
- ◆ If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19, I will get also them tested and, if they test positive, work with the NHS test and trace system to notify anyone who's recently been in close contact with them, including at school
- ◆ If my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 at school, I will collect my child as soon as possible
- ◆ When dropping off and picking up, I will stick to the timings for my child, use the designated entrance and adhere to the social distancing rules set out by the government
- ◆ I will not enter the school building without a prearranged appointment and I will leave the school immediately after drop off and pick up
- ◆ I will remind my child about good hygiene practices, such as: regularly washing their hands thoroughly; avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth; and coughing or sneezing into their elbow or a tissue, and disposing immediately of any used tissues
- ◆ I will support the school's procedures in ensuring a safe environment