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School arrangements September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid is still very much with us with rising numbers of cases therefore our current arrangements will remain in place until the end of the summer term on Thursday. In line with Step 4 of the Governments plan, we can look forward to removing many of the restrictions that have been in place during the pandemic while we revert back to more of a 'normal' school day.

Senior leaders will review the school's **Risk Assessment** and provide an **Outbreak Management Plan** for September onwards. Please be reassured that at all times the safety and well-being of the pupils and staff will remain paramount as we start the new academic year in September. For those families joining us this information will all be new, for those who were with us pre-Covid it will serve as a reminder for how things were.

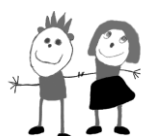
I am aware that it is a lot of information to share so please do ask if you have any questions.

Preventative measures remaining:

- Sanitiser points on entry and exit & regular hand washing
- Good ventilation in learning areas – layers and coats may be needed in colder weather
- Cleaning of touch points through the day
- Self-isolation of a positive case
- Schools advised on self-isolation by NHS and Public Health, not the Local Authority
- Remote learning will be provided for self-isolating pupils
- Food vouchers will be provided for self-isolating pupils who qualify for FSM
- NHS and Public Health advice will be followed on testing, and self-isolation
- If symptomatic – get a test
- School staff twice weekly LFD testing until 30th September

Preventative measures no longer required:

- Face coverings at drop off and pick up are no longer required but we would ask you to wear them until the end of this term.
- Face coverings will be **personal choice** at drop off and pick up in September
- Parents can come onto the school site through any gate 😊
- Bubbles
- School meals can be eaten in the KS2 dining hall or classrooms (packed lunches)
- Whole school assemblies can return
- Visitors can come into school





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- All pupils need to bring a PE kit into school and change into their PE kit for PE lessons. Please check the website for the school's PE kit
- Singing and music lessons can return in full
- Kids Club is open to all for before school and after school care
- Clubs can be attended by mixed year groups

School day

Pre-Covid, Years 3 – 6 were not lining up and coming into school. This worked well because there were fewer pupils trying to get somewhere at the same time and fewer distractions that could affect the start of the day. In addition, there is more space in the cloakrooms and the children were able to make their way calmly to their classrooms to begin their learning. From September we will be going back to this arrangement with all of KS2 arriving and leaving at the same time; 08:30 – 08:40 and 15:00.

We would like to now include EYFS, Year1 and Year2 to come to their classroom doors and into school, without lining up. The children in EYFS – Y2 will go straight into classrooms when they arrive on site between 08:35-08:45. They will be warmly welcomed by members of staff. Registration for EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be 08:45. The end of the school day for EYFS and KS1 is 15:00.

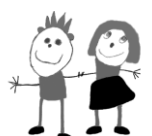
If you use the map that was included with your child's report, you will see the best gate to use to get to your child's class. Birch Class (Year1, Miss Hammond) will use the Wheatfields Road gate to come into school and into their classroom. Hazel Class (Year 3, Mrs Probert) will continue to come through the main entrance to KS1. Juniper Class (Year 3, Miss Parkinson) will use the entrance/exit door to the classroom in the KS2 playground.

For all other classes, entry will be via the external doors leading into the classrooms. Members of staff will be in classrooms to greet the children therefore there will not be members of staff on duty in the KS2 playground.

All external classroom doors will close promptly at 08:40 (KS2) and 08:45 (EYFS and KS1). External doors will remain closed therefore any late-comers will be expected to sign in at reception. As before, any brief messages can still be left with class teachers at the door until 08:40 (KS2) or 08:45 (EYFS and KS1), or alternatively a note sent through with the child or via the school office by phone or email. Non-urgent messages will also be picked up by the teachers using the class emails.

Please ask if you are not sure and senior leaders will be outside to help on the first day in September.

Thank you so much for your support this year in a year like no other. I am so proud of our whole school community, especially the way that parents, pupils, staff and governors have responded to the virus. We





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hope you have a fabulous summer break and get to do some of the things you have been missing out on these last 16 months and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

Best wishes,

Theresa Thornton

Headteacher

