

6th September 2021,

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for re-opening tomorrow, I wanted to welcome you all back to what will hopefully be a more normal year. In many ways we will revert to pre-covid school life with no bubbles and no face masks but some covid changes will remain in place such as regular hand washing. Here are a few changes:

- Children no longer need to bring large bags or PE kits into school as they will continue to wear their PE uniform on the days specified by their class teachers. Details of PE uniform are on our website and teachers will let you know this week which days it will be for your child's class. A book bag is sufficient for most children and backpacks will be discouraged due to a lack of space for storing them on pegs. Younger pupils may continue to bring a change of clothes in case of toileting accidents.
- The school office will re-open to visitors but as it is such a small space, please wait outside if there is already someone at the window.
- School starts at 8:50 each day and therefore the gates will be opened at 8:45am. Parents are responsible for supervising their children before this time. Please do not drop your child earlier than this. Buses will continue to be met and children escorted to their classes by a member of staff each day.
- Medicines - As previously, children needing inhalers should bring them into school in a clearly named and labelled bag and hand them to their class teacher. Epi-pens must be in a named and labelled box and will be kept by a member of staff to go with the child at playtime and lunchtime. For any other medicines, please go to the school office for a permission form.
- Nut Free - A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have several pupils with severe allergies. Please ensure that snacks and packed lunches are nut free, this includes items such as peanut butter, chocolate spread and muesli type bars.
- We no longer need to continue the one way system for drop off and collection and therefore access through the car parks will not now be possible. Please remind your children to stay with you and stick to the central path. Please do not allow children to run between staff cars.
- Illness - As previously, any child that shows Covid symptoms (new, continuous cough, temperature, loss of taste or smell) will not be able to come to school

or will be sent home until a negative PCR result can be provided. When a child tests positive, they will need to isolate for 10 days as previously and work will be sent home via Google classrooms if the child is asymptomatic. Where a child is ill for any other reason we would prefer them to rest until they are able to return to school and therefore work will not be provided.

It will be lovely to have everyone back in school tomorrow and able to meet for playtimes, lunch and assemblies but we are aware that this may be new or worrying for some of our children. Please do let class teachers know if you have any concerns about your child or whether there have been any changes at home over the holidays that may impact their learning or mental health. We will do what we can to support them. My priority continues to be the health and safety of our children and staff and I know you will support us in that.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Karen Williams
Headteacher