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Dear Parents/Carers

Arrangements for September 2021

The government confirmed this week that most COVID guidance and legal restrictions will be lifted in England on Monday 19th July. There will be a national review in September to assess how prepared the country is for Autumn and Winter.

The Department for Education (DfE) published new operational guidance for schools last week, advising schools to put in place proportionate control measures, which include ensuring good hygiene for everyone, maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated and following public health advice.

The guidance states that it is no longer necessary to keep children in bubbles; staff and visitors will no longer be advised to wear face coverings, and from 16th August 2021, all children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case; instead they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test.

Schools are advised to keep current risk assessments and control measures in place until the end of term. Therefore we will continue to implement current control measures until we finish for the Summer holiday on Tuesday 20th July. On Tuesday all children will finish one hour earlier than normal for the summer holidays (Years 1, 2 and 5 at 2.20pm; Years 3 & 4 at 2.25pm; Nursery and Reception at 2.30pm). The exception to this is our Year 6 children who will finish at 2.35pm with staff forming a guard of honour for them on the playground. Families of Year 6 children are invited to stand at the bottom of the playground to wait for their children. All other spectators are requested to stand on the pavement or the parish play area to observe while maintaining social distance.

When we return on 1st September 2021 staggered starts will end so all school children will line up to enter school at 8.50am except for Year 5 and 6 children who can make their way up the playground to Mr Dilworth's classroom. The door for Nursery children will open from



8.45am. School children will be dismissed at 3.30pm with the door for Nursery children opening from 3.15pm. Children in Reception are dismissed at the top of the playground. Children in Year 1-6 are dismissed at the black side door on the main playground and Children in Years 5-6 will be dismissed onto the main playground from Mr Dilworth's classroom. Children will not be restricted to class bubbles and they will all return to the hall for lunches. Collective worship and mixed break times will be reintroduced. We are also planning a full programme of extra curricular activities. Staff and visitors will no longer be asked to wear face coverings.

We expect children to arrive at school on time, in appropriate uniform. Please refer to the [uniform page](#) of the website for details of this. Please note trainers and boots are not deemed appropriate footwear for children. Children not wearing the uniform as set out on our website will be asked to wear appropriate uniform the following day. Any families needing support with this should speak to a member of staff. The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Monday after school with Nursery and School uniforms available.

On the 1st September we expect children to arrive at school with their P.E. kits in a drawstring bag. If school dinners have not been ordered through the school office by Friday 16th July children will need a packed lunch as food will not have been ordered for them. Healthy school snacks will be available (payment for this will be through Parent Pay in the Autumn term) or children need to bring their own healthy school snack. Named water bottles are also required.

Year 5 and 6 children will be going swimming in the Autumn term – time and day to be confirmed. Music provision from September will be on a Monday for Years 5 & 6 (ukulele) and on a Wednesday for Year 4 (violin). This will commence week beginning 13th September and children will need to remember their instruments for these lessons. Instruments will be provided once the new term begins.

As always, the safety and wellbeing of all member of our school community remains our priority. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards



Rebecca Fowler
Headteacher

