

# RETURNING TO SCHOOL

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The basics...

# The most important rule!

- No-one can come onto the school site if they, **or anyone in their household**, have any symptoms of Covid-19 until everyone in the household has completed the recommended number of days of isolation.

# Absence...

- If your child is absent, please let us know as soon as possible.
- If you are leaving an answerphone message, please say **exactly** why your child is going to be off and describe any/all symptoms of any illness that they might have.
- If your child has any Covid-19 symptoms (cough, temperature, loss or change of smell or taste) then they must isolate at home for at least 10 days. Other household members will need to isolate in line with NHS guidance. If your child has a test for Covid-19 that shows that they do not have the infection, please call us for advice about when they can return. **DO NOT SEND CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL WITHOUT CHECKING WITH SCHOOL FIRST.**

# Contact...

- If you need to speak to someone, please phone or email us – do not visit the school office unless you need to drop something off, or pick something up.
- When visiting the school office, please remember that only one person (or family group) can enter the small hallway at the entrance of the school at any one time. This is to protect both you and our staff.
- Please try to not have conversations with staff at the entrances/exits at the start and end of each day. They will want to concentrate on getting the children in and out of school safely and these conversations can be very distracting (as well as increasing the risk of transmitting Covid-19).
- When this is all over, we promise to go back to our usual welcoming selves but, until then, please help us to keep the school as safe as possible.

# Clothing...

- In September, we will begin wearing school uniform again but...
- **School will often be chilly.**
- The windows and doors will be open (even in colder weather) for extra ventilation – even in summer it was sometimes very cold in school.
- Make sure you bring a jumper or a cardigan and a waterproof coat. You might also want to bring an extra layer to wear in case it is cold.
- Wear sensible school shoes as you will definitely be going outdoors as often as possible.
- You will only need PE kit on the days that you do PE. Come to school wearing your PE kit. Please wear a tracksuit/jogging bottoms/leggings etc. as you will do PE outdoors and you might get cold. You will need to wear trainers for PE.

# Staggered start times...

- To stagger the arrival of families to school, our doors will be open for children to arrive between 8:45 and 9:00.
- If your child's surname begins with a letter between A-H, please arrive between 8:45 and 8:50.
- If your child's surname begins with a letter between I-Q, please arrive between 8:50 and 8:55.
- If your child's surname begins with a letter between R-Z, please arrive between 8:55 and 9:00.
- If you have more than one child and they have different surnames, just choose one of the surnames and stick to that time slot every day.
- **In the mornings, we will not be opening the gates early as we do not want anyone spending more time on site than they need to. Please time your journey to school so that you avoid having to wait.**

# Staggered end times...

- If your child's surname begins with a letter between A-H, please collect them between 3:05 and 3:10.
- If your child's surname begins with a letter between I-Q, please collect them between 3:10 and 3:15.
- If your child's surname begins with a letter between R-Z, please collect them between 3:15 and 3:20.
- If you have more than one child and they have different surnames, just choose one of the surnames and stick to that time slot every day.
- **Please leave as soon as you have collected your children.**

# Nursery times...

- Our **Nursery** times will be staying the same as usual for now:
- Morning sessions are 8:30 to 11:30 (you can start collecting your children from 11:20 if you wish as this helps to reduce queues)
- Afternoon sessions are 12:30 to 3:30 (you can start collecting your children from 3:20 if you wish as this helps to reduce queues)



# Lunchtimes...

- Children will have their lunch in the classroom.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch or order one from the school kitchens.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are all entitled to a free school packed lunch.
- Children on free school meals in other year groups will also be entitled to a free packed lunch.
- Anyone else who wishes to order a packed lunch from the school kitchens may do so.

# Behaviour...

- School will be somewhat different when we return.
- Some children might find this difficult and we will work sensitively with them to reduce any possible stress.
- However, this does not excuse poor behaviour and we will still use sanctions (such as lunchtime detentions) if needed.
- Given the additional time constraints and staffing problems that running the school as lots of separate bubbles causes, sanctions such as detentions and loss of break times are likely to be used only rarely. We will, therefore, be relying on more support from parents and families at home to help those children who might struggle with their behaviour at school. Please support us with this if your child is struggling to behave in school.

# Finally...

- Welcome back to school – we have missed you!
- Remember to keep washing your hands!
- Don't come anywhere near school if you or anyone else in your home have any Covid-19 symptoms!
- Thank you – see you all on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.