



2nd November 2020

School Site COVID-19 Precautions

Dear Parent/Carer,

With infection rates rising and with a second shutdown looming, I am writing with further information related to safety on and around the school site. While transmission of the virus appears to remain low with primary age children, transmission between adults and the wider community continues to rise considerably. Ensuring social distancing between adults will prove to be crucial in reducing transmission, protecting our staff and ultimately reducing the possibility of having to close specific classes and or year group bubbles.

We would therefore ask that all parents and carers stick to their drop off and collection times, arriving too early or too late can lead to people gathering. Please ensure that you continue to use the one-way system. School drop off and pickup time has traditionally provided a social opportunity to meet up with other parents. Unfortunately, this can no longer take place outside the school or on the school site, as the evidence shows that this could put us at risk. **From tomorrow, Tuesday 3rd November**, we would ask that all Parents/Carers wear a face covering while on the school site.



We ask only one adult comes onsite per family and older children arrive and leave independently.

Whilst we appreciate that some parents are keen to pass a quick message in person to the class teacher in the morning, this can no longer take place, as it will increase risk. Staff will still be visible on the door to greet children but they will not be able to have conversations with parents, as the virus is more likely to be transmitted between adults. Therefore, all messages must be communicated via email or a phone message. A reminder that we have set up class emails as a way for you to communicate more directly with your class teacher, however, teaching staff are not always able to respond straight away to class emails as staff are teaching and preparing for the school day. Please use the school office email or telephone if you need to send an urgent message. When reporting your child absent or informing us about changes in picks up or drop off arrangements, such as medical appointments please contact the school office via email or telephone.

Parents and children should aim to leave the site and surrounding areas as quickly as possible. Any mixing at this time could compromise our school bubbles and therefore increases the risk of closure.

What we experienced with the last lockdown was a clear need for children to be in school, not just for learning but also for their emotional wellbeing. Children have returned to school settled and keen to learn, and as always it remains our priority to keep them safe promoting both their academic and social development. The safety measures above will potentially reduce possible transmission allowing us to keep the school open. If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation,

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