



4 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of our community a happy New Year. We hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing holiday and had the chance to spend time with your families and loved ones.

We would like to confirm arrangements for the children's return tomorrow (Wednesday 5 January). The school remains open and your child/ren should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We are not currently operating bubbles and all students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19.

- Staff and visitors will be required to wear masks in communal areas where social distancing is not possible.
- The school will continue to be well ventilated.
- Whole school break, lunch and assembly will continue.
- A member of staff will be at the entrance to greet the children who will be asked to use hand sanitiser or wash their hands as they enter and leave school.

The drop off and pick up arrangements will remain the same:

- 8.40-8.50am – Arrive at school.
- 8.50am – The school day starts for all pupils.
- 3.15pm – The school day ends for all pupils.

The government has reduced the required isolation period as follows:

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Pupils who are under the age of 18 years and 6 months or older should attend the educational setting if identified as a close contact. People identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Further Information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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