



28th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

After discussion yesterday with the Local Authority, I am writing to inform you of the safety measures that we have put in place due to increasing cases of COVID-19 in the local community and in school. Whilst this is disappointing, the safety of our whole school community is paramount and we are doing all that we can to avoid an outbreak.

- There will be no staggered starts but as soon as the gates open at 8.45am staff will be directing the children to their classes in all year groups apart from Foundation. In order to ease congestion at the gates and to limit potential further infection, please do not arrive too early.
- Pick up will run as normal but will be under review. Please can I ask that parents wear masks on school premises unless exempt and that they vacate the premises as soon as possible? Staff are wearing masks in school again in crowded spaces to protect your children and each other.
- We will instigate staggered playtimes and lunch-times again for the children but in phases rather than classes as this will support the children's mental health and well-being.
- Collective Worship will be in classes or phases instead of whole school
- Swimming will be cancelled for the next few weeks as teaching staff will be crossing phases as well as some being clinically extremely vulnerable.
- We will continue with enhanced cleaning measures and with ventilation.

I am hoping that these will be short-term measures and that we can return to whole school activities as soon as possible.

Please can I reiterate the importance of testing your child should they display any symptoms? Up to date guidance states: If someone from your setting has a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test taken at home:

- they should self-isolate straightaway and [report their test result](#)
- they should book a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible, either [online](#), through the NHS COVID-19 app, or by calling 119 and continue to self-isolate whilst awaiting results of the PCR test
- any unvaccinated adults in their household should self-isolate whilst awaiting their PCR result, unless they are [exempt](#)

Many thanks, your support to date has been greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

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