



4th January, 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

I am writing to assure you that we are remaining cautious as possible with the practical measures we can implement in school having the least impact on learning and you at home. COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly. It is important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community. In school we will continue with the following precautions including maintaining year group bubbles as much as possible. Here is how you can help too:

- **Staggered start times.** These are to reduce numbers on the playground. Please arrive only a few minutes before the start and end of the day. If you do arrive early please wait away from the school.
Y3/Y4 start at 8.40am and finish at 2.50pm.
Y5/Y6 start at 8.50am and finish at 3.00pm
- Continue with **different entrances and exits for each year group.** The double blue gates will also be open. This reduces congestion and optimizes chances for distancing.
- **Only one parent/adult** should enter the playground to drop off and collect the children.
- Please always wear a **mask**
- Should you have siblings at the Infant school too and your times are the same, it has been agreed that you will take your Junior child first in the morning and the Infant child second. At the **end of the day** please pick up your **Infant child first** and your Junior child second.
- Breakfast club and after school care clubs are running. Please complete booking form a week in advance using the link on the School Website. (after school activity clubs will be reviewed to open again ASAP).

Anyone with symptoms should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others. We will follow the Public Health Guidance closely.

When an **individual develops COVID-19 symptoms they must book and take a PCR test or if an individual has a positive Lateral Flow test (LFT)** they should not come into school.

Pupils with a positive LFT test result should self-isolate and need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate. The positive individual can stop self-isolating after 10 full days if the symptoms have gone, or if the only symptoms are a cough or anosmia (no smell), which can last for several weeks. **If the child still has a high temperature after 10 days or are otherwise unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice.**





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The positive child can take an LFT from 6 days after the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if no symptoms), and another LFT test at least 24 hours later. If both these test results are negative, and the child does not have a high temperature, they may return to school. **Please ensure the school sees both of the LFT reports.**

If you **live in the same household as someone with COVID-19** you are at significantly higher risk of becoming infected yourself. **Children aged 5 years and over should take an LFT test every day for 7 days, or until 10 days after the household member who has COVID-19 started their self-isolation period if this is earlier.** This should be taken daily LFD test before they leave home for the first time that day. **Children under 5 years** are not recommended to take regular LFT tests but you should limit their contact with the infected person and take a PCR test as soon as possible.

We ask all families to remain highly vigilant to symptoms and act quickly to isolate as this will stop infections spreading in school. Thank you all for your patience and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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