

September 2021



It is lovely to see you all again; we have had a great start to the year— our children have been absolutely delightful.

We recognise it seems VERY busy in the playground at the beginning and end of the day; I think we have all forgotten what 'normal' is like. We would encourage you to come onto site and leave as swiftly as you can and we will ensure that we do everything we can to open the doors on time to help with this.

Thank you for your patience at home time in particular. You will know that safeguarding is our absolute priority so to ensure we send the right child to the right parent/relative/friend at the right time, we wait until the children are sorted before opening the doors. This helps us all be a little more organised, and will eventually be quicker for you all.

Please note it can be tricky for staff to talk to parents at the door in the morning or at the end of the day. If it is important or urgent for that day, please continue to communicate with them, please don't think they are being rude if they don't stop to chat. If it is something that can be dealt with over the phone, please let us know and we will ring you. We often find parents prefer this as it is less rushed.

COVID guidance—what is the same?

If your child has symptoms, the advice is the same as it always has been

- isolate immediately - do not come to school
- inform school
- Request a PCR test

COVID guidance—what is different?

If your child is identified as a close contact or someone else in your household has tested positive;

- inform school
- Request a PCR test

There is no immediate need to isolate now which will mean school will not have to close whole class 'bubbles'. If we have multiple cases, this may change and we will always be guided by Public Health advice nationally and locally. We will then make changes according-

Clothing

Please make sure all clothing and bags are labelled with your child's name. Staff will do this if they find any unlabelled, just let us know if you would rather this doesn't happen.

Playground

You will have noticed that we have renovated our playground both downstairs and on the rooftop. For safety reasons, children and visitors **must not** play on any of the equipment at the beginning and end of the day although you are more than welcome to use the benches to sit on while waiting.

Thank you

Y5 and Y6—Walking home

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we need your specific permission for any child walking home from school without you or someone you have nominated for school collections.

Ultimately you know your child best and it is you that has the final decision but we are here to support. We have had children not turn up at home and staff will always drop everything to go searching for them. If we all know exactly what is happening, when and where, should an emergency arise we can find the missing child much quicker. We will be contacting those of you who have already given permission to clarify details for this.

We know you will understand that we are very strict about these things to keep your children safe and we do this because we care.