



Family Update for the Start of the New Term.

Dear Parents, I wanted to reassure you of the measures which we have in place for your child 's safe return to RLA. These measures are designed to:

- ✓ keep everybody at RLA safe and healthy;
 - ✓ reduce the low risk of transmission in schools (mainly between adults); and,
 - ✓ Keep RLA open for our amazing children for as long as is safe and practical to do so.
- We are not changing our arrival times or entrance and exit points because they are working well. However, we must all socially distance by at least 2 metres, and not gather in large groups, especially all adults because people older than primary age present the greatest risk of this deadly virus spreading further.
 - In classrooms, all windows are kept open. Please make sure that your child wears their uniform / tracksuit and has a coat. We do have the heating on but it will get much colder in the classroom!
 - We have plenty of hand sanitizer and liquid soap in school and will be continuing to regularly teach thorough handwashing throughout the school day.
 - Bubbles of children are now in year groups with their own dedicated toilets.
 - Because we have low numbers at the moment in both Nurseries, we will merge N1 and N2 morning and afternoon sessions to create 1 fluid Nursery room for all morning children; and for 1 fluid Nursery room for all afternoon children for the foreseeable future.
 - Children from Year 2 upwards will be given a dedicated seat in both the classroom and the lunch time dining room / hall. They will only use this seat to further reduce the mixing of children and prevent unnecessary movement.
 - In the dining room / hall, year groups will be kept apart so as to minimise the risk of mixing bubbles.
 - Staff will not train together. Instead, we will use video technology whenever we can so that we do not encourage large staff gatherings.
 - Staff from each bubble will keep to their own welfare areas, again reducing large gatherings
 - Staff are able to use the main entrance and Family Hub entrance so as to minimise all adults coming in to, and leaving, the building through one door.

Parent sand Carers, what we need you to do more than ever is:

- 1) Please wear a mask or suitable face covering when you bring and collect your child from RLA
- 2) Ensure one responsible adult brings and collects your child. If your child is in Years 5 or 6, please make sure that you have signed the permission slip giving your approval for them to come to, and to leave, RLA by themselves
- 3) Once you have arrived with your child, or collected them, please leave the school site and surrounding pavements as quickly as you can to avoid large gatherings.
- 4) Make sure that your child attends RLA unless they have symptoms (high temperature, continuous or new cough or loss of taste or smell). If you have a child whose bubble is closed, your other RLA children should attend school unless they have these symptoms or if somebody in your immediate household has received a positive COVID test result
- 5) Only come to our main entrance if it is essential. Please try to contact us by text, email or phone.
- 6) Visit our website before setting off for school. You will see if your child's bubble is open or not!

Please can we all remember: Hands. Face. Space.

These changes may need to be adapted and altered in light of new Government and Health guidance.

Thank you so much for your fantastic co-operation and support.

