



31st August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the time with family and friends.

We are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Thursday 2nd September and beginning a new academic year hopefully, without interruption!

- Children in years 1 to 6 return to school on Thursday 2nd September full-time
- Our new reception children will do half days on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September (see letter sent previously)

Schools received return to school guidance from the Department of education at the end of last week. The government's main priority is to make sure that children are in school learning and to limit any disruption caused by Covid.

What schools are expected to do from September

- Maintain good hygiene procedures
- Maintain regular cleaning routines
- Keep all rooms well ventilated
- Follow public health advice on testing, self isolation and managing positive cases
- Staff continue to take lateral flow tests twice a week
- Have a contingency plan to show how we will deal with positive cases

What is stopped

- No bubbles
- No staggered arrival times, home times, play times or lunchtimes
- No lining up before school
- No social distancing
- Staff, parents and visitors are not expected to wear masks in school

From Thursday 2nd of September

- Children arrive at school by 8:45am when the gates open
- EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3 will still enter the yard through the bottom yard gate
- Y4, Y5 and Y6 will still enter the yard through the gate at the top of Dean Street
- School doors will open at 8:45am and all children will enter school as they arrive
- EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will still enter via their classroom doors as they did prior to summer
- KS2 children will all come into school via the KS2 cloakroom door and then go straight through to class
- All parents/carers and children will still exit the school yard via the top gate

Every child matters; every moment counts.



- At the end of the day all year groups will finish at 3:30pm and class teachers will bring the children out of their relevant door onto the playground to be collected by parents/carers
- Please remember you children **MUST** have a signed permission slip to be able to walk home

All children are expected to wear full school uniform and appropriate school shoes (NO trainers) and keep their PE kit hung on their peg. Please see our uniform webpage for details: <https://www.trawden.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

These guidelines will be reviewed during the autumn term and you will be kept fully informed.

The main changes to be aware of are:

**All children must attend school unless they are ill or show Covid symptoms.
PLEASE see the new government guidelines below**

** From the 16th of August 2021 children under 18 do not need to self isolate or miss school when a member of their household or a contact has a positive Covid result.

** Instead they will need to book a PCR test and wait for the result.

** Children can continue to come into school as long as they have no symptoms and their test result is negative

Please read the government guidelines below.

All the staff have been very busy preparing the classroom and school and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring 01282 865242 or email bursar@trawden.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and the attached information and for your continued support. Take care and see you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

Changes to national self-isolation guidance

From 16 August, the Government has said that people aged under 18 years and 6 months or who are fully vaccinated will no longer be legally required to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, such people will be advised (but not legally required) to get a PCR test unless they have had a positive PCR test in the previous 90 days. Regardless of age or vaccination status, anyone who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (see below) must get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must continue to isolate as usual.

Some likely scenarios are described below along with our advice:

What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or*
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)*
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)*

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the NHS UK (www.nhs.uk) website or by contacting NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

Your child should self-isolate immediately and they should not attend school.

Please contact the school by phone to inform us your child has COVID-19 symptoms and you are awaiting a COVID-19 test.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?

Anyone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the onset of their symptoms, or*
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic*

Self-isolation means your child should not go to school, attend any out of school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care.

Please contact the school by phone and inform us your child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test. It is really important you let us know if your child has confirmed COVID-19 so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.



What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?

*If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) they **do not** have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19.*

They are advised to have a PCR test unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days.

Children aged 5 and under are not advised to take a PCR test unless the confirmed case is someone in their own household.

What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test?

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test, they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate whilst you await the PCR test result if they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.

What should I do if my child is unwell with signs of an infection but does not have symptoms of COVID-19?

Your child should be excluded from school if they are unwell. If concerned you should seek advice from your GP or Pharmacist, they will be able to advise you how long your child should stay off school. Otherwise we would recommend exclusion for 48 hours or until the child is symptom free, whichever is longer. We are not currently advising that preschool children get a PCR test if they do not have the three main symptoms of COVID-19.