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Welcoming children and families back to school

Dear Parents/ Carers,

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have had a lovely summer and that you are enjoying the last few days of the holidays. In preparation for children's return to school next Wednesday, I have a number of reminders and updates for you.

COVID-19 Guidance

The Government has issued new guidance to schools around the actions that schools need to take to mitigate against the spread of Covid-19. Schools are now required to have an Outbreak Management Plan that describes actions that will be taken in the event of a rise in cases. This document is available via a link on the front page of our school website under the 'Important Covid-19 Information' heading.

Risk Assessment

Our risk assessment and related actions will continue to follow DfE guidelines. Key points to note are:

- We will continue to follow an enhanced cleaning regime with rooms and touch surfaces cleaned more frequently throughout the school day.
- We will continue to encourage excellent hand hygiene and provide additional hand sanitisation
- We will continue to ensure increased ventilation throughout the school.

There is no need for children to bring their own sanitiser to school unless they are likely to have a reaction to the school sanitiser. If they do bring their own sanitiser, this should be clearly named please.

Contact Tracing

As you will be aware, unvaccinated children and fully vaccinated adults are now no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with Covid-19, including if they live in the same household. Identifying close contacts in education settings is no longer the responsibility of schools but is now the responsibility of NHS Test and Trace. Identified close contacts will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. The government strongly encourages all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. We will continue to monitor cases and it is important that if your child does test positive via LFT or PCR test that you inform us as soon as possible by telephoning the school office.

Uniform

We would like all children to come in their full school uniform every day please, apart from on their P.E. days, when they can come to school wearing their P.E. uniform. School uniform details can be found on our school website [here](#). Polo-shirt style tops are much more comfortable for children than traditional dress shirts, so we would recommend that children wear these.

P.E. uniform

P.E. uniform is a plain navy blue sweatshirt (or one with a school logo on it), plain navy blue jogging pants (not leggings), a plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and some plain black trainers (no logos or other decorations). As children will be wearing this for the whole day when it is their P.E. day, this uniform needs to be smart and tie in with our standards for school uniform.

If your child has non-black trainers that they have not yet grown out of, they may wear these until it is time to replace them. We would ask that you then equip them with black trainers please.

Class teachers will send information about P.E. days. There will be no formal P.E. lessons during the first three days back at school, so no need for any children to wear their kit next week.

Drop-off and collection

The drop-off and collection procedures that we had in place last year worked well, so we will keep the same systems for the time being (as cases of Covid-19 are still high nationally) with a slightly reduced time window. Our gates will open between **08:45 and 08:55** and then between **3:15 and 3:25**.

Year 6 entry/ exit point will continue to be the old Boys' entrance on Main Street (nearest to the Co-op) and the **Year 5** entry/ exit point will be the old Girls' entrance on Main Street. Some of our older children will make their own way to/ from school. Please ensure that they **do not arrive at school before 08:45** and that they are clear about whether they are making their own way home.

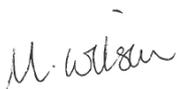
Year 4 entry/ exit point is the Care Club gate which is accessed at the side of the Victorian building off Main Street. Parents will hand children over to staff between 08:45 and 08:55 at this gate and collect them from staff at this gate between 15:15 and 15:25.

Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 will be dropped off/ collected using the one-way system which will be accessed via the gates on St Peter's Way. Wherever practical, older children in Y4, 5 and 6 should be dropped off **before** families enter the one-way system via the gates on St Peter's Way and they should be collected **after** collecting younger children via the one-way system.

Separate information has been sent to Reception new starters, as they will attend part-time in the first two weeks of term.

The office will be staffed and teachers will be in school on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M Wilson

Headteacher