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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have all had a great summer holiday and are enjoying your last few days. We are very excited to have the school full of children again and to welcome you all back.

As you know, the Covid regulations changed over the summer holidays and there is now no requirement for children or double vaccinated adults to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact. Schools also no longer have responsibility for identifying contacts as NHS Track and Trace are taking over responsibility for this.

I hope that the following makes the new procedures clear:

<b>When should my child self-isolate or not come into school?</b>	 <b>NO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All children <b>MUST</b> attend school unless they are ill.</li> <li>Children under 18 (and double vaccinated adults who have had their second jab for at least two weeks) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.</li> <li>Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test is negative.</li> </ul>
	 <b>YES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PCR test <b>NOT</b> a lateral flow test.</li> <li>If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.</li> <li>If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated but should book a PCR test and isolate if it returns a positive result.</li> </ul>

We will continue our cleaning and hand sanitising regimes, as well as making sure that building is as well ventilated as it can be.

It makes sense to me to proceed with caution until we have had a chance to evaluate the impact of re-opening with the new guidelines. For that reason:

- Please wear a face covering (unless exempt) and sanitise your hands if you are coming into the building
- Remember to keep socially distanced
- We will not be inviting parents/carers into school for assemblies etc. for the first half of the autumn term

I am currently pulling together a 'Covid Outbreak Management Plan' (it is almost as exciting as it sounds!) that I will share with you next week.





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I have taken the following information from the letter that I sent out in July just in case any of you needed a reminder:

- Early Years will be dropped off in their playground at 8:40 and picked up from their doors at 3:05.
- KS1 children will be dropped off from the lower hall between 8:40 and 8:50 and at the end of the day will line up on the playground and be released to their parents as they are now.
- Y3/4 will come onto the playground from 8:40am and line up straight away on the left hand side of the playground (in front of their stairs) – as they do now and be taken into school at 8:45am. At 3:15 they will come out in their lines with their teacher/teaching assistant and be sent to their grown-up in the same way as they are now.
- Y5/6 will also come onto the playground from 8:40am but line up on the right hand side of the playground. At the end of the day children who do not walk themselves home will stand on the Y5/6 stairs with their adults and be sent away from there.
- I will be on the playground every morning (if not me another member of SLT will take my place) so you are more than welcome to leave your child and go. We would like all parents/carers to wait on the same side of the playground that their child lines up on to make it easier for us to spot you at the end of the day.

Finally, just to let you know that the kitchen is being refurbished and the work will continue for the first four weeks of this term. All of the safeguards that you would expect to be in place are and it will not affect teaching and learning.

As always, please contact me if you have any worries or questions. Thank you for your continued support and here's to a fantastic new academic year!

Looking forward to seeing you all again very soon,

Tina Clarke

