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## Return to school 8<sup>th</sup> March Covid update for Parents and Carers

As you know, all children will be returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Government has stated that this is not a choice, it is mandatory, and so I want to remind you of our routines and reassure you that we are doing everything in our power to keep all children and adults as safe as we can.

Firstly can I say an enormous thank you to staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this entire pandemic. Since January we have had approx. 12 children in each class and thankfully, we have not had any children or staff test positive.

Secondly can I say a massive thankyou to yourselves for home schooling your children since January. Most of the staff, including myself, have our own children at home. Even though we teach children every day, we share your frustration with how difficult it can be to get your own child to get up in the morning, let alone log on and get some school work done so well done for making it through.

Our next job will be to settle the children back into school, get them back into the routine of learning and socialising with others and addressing any issues that will arise. It is going to take a long time, possibly years, to recover from the months of missed education but we will get there.

Our immediate concern is getting everybody back to school safely.

The UK variant is now the dominant strain of Covid in this country with over 80% of positive cases. It is very transmissible and is spread by social contact. Therefore to slow the spread we must work harder at limiting social contact.

Positive cases have continued to fall in Staveley and Norbriggs with just 12 positive cases registered during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

I know we are all desperate to start socialising again but if we can be patient and get this right for the next couple of months then more of us will get vaccinated meaning that we can end restrictions sooner and return to normal life in the Summer. If we relax too soon then we could risk another surge and nobody wants that.

Thank you for your continued support,

P. Scragg  
Head Teacher





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## Symptoms

The three main symptoms are a new and persistent cough, loss of taste or smell, high temperature. However, when we had our outbreak in October 2020 most of our cases in school started with cold symptoms, tiredness or headache.

Information from Public Health England shows that people have reported a wide range of symptoms:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

If you or your child present with any of the above symptoms we will ask you to stay at home, call 119 for advice and book a test.

If your test comes back negative, you feel better and your temperature is below 37.5c you can come back to school.

If the test is positive you and your household must isolate and let school know as soon as possible.

## Temperature Checks

We will continue to use a thermal temperature gun to check all staff and children's temperatures daily. If the temperature is above 37.5c that person will be sent home and asked to stay at home for 48 hours. If their temperature drops they can come back to school.

## Staff Covid Testing

Staff are taking Lateral Flow Tests twice a week to catch any asymptomatic cases early and break the transmission in school.

## Hygiene

The school has an enhanced cleaning program, every room has hand sanitiser and antiseptic wipes. Staff wipe down all touch points such as door handles, light switches, toilet flushes continually throughout the day.

Hand washing is incorporated into the timetable and all children are encouraged to sneeze into a tissue or their elbow and wash their hands if they touch their face.

## Access to school

Please do not come into the school building unless it is absolutely necessary. If you do enter the building you must wear a face covering and socially distance. If you come in the main entrance please wait by the door until a member of staff comes to you. Do not sit at Mrs Mann's desk, she shouts at me if you do!

## Organisation

Children will continue to be grouped in class bubbles and will have a seating system within class to minimise social contact. Each child will have their own resources to minimise sharing with others. They are encouraged not to touch each other, even during playtime and any shared equipment and spaces, such as toilets and lunch hall, are sanitised between bubbles.





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### Breakfast club

Breakfast club will start everyday at 8.15am This is for the children of working parents who need child care to allow them to get to work. We will not be feeding the children in breakfast club.

### Bagels

Every child in school will be offered a toasted, buttered bagel in class every morning.

### Bookbags

To reduce things brought from home we will collect bookbags in and keep them. Children will read to an adult in school. It is so important that they read everyday at home and the children can access their reading books online through Oxford Owl and Epic Reading.

### Water Bottles

Children can bring a water bottle to drink from throughout the day. It must contain water, not squash, juice or flavoured water.

### Uniform

Children are to wear full school uniform unless it is PE day.

- Black or grey trousers or skirt
- White or burgundy polo shirt
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Summer dress or shorts if the weather is suitable
- Sensible shoes

Please name all uniform, it makes it so much easier, particularly when children forget where they put their jumpers.

I realise that some children may have grown out of their uniform and shops are not open to buy new bits. If you are struggling then just make the children look as respectable as possible – dark bottoms, sensible coloured T shirt with no logos, loud patterns or pictures.

### PE

On PE days please send your child dressed in their PE kit

- Trainers or plimpsolls
- Dark coloured joggers or shorts
- White T-shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan

### PE days

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Carle		✓			
Donaldson				✓	
Ahlberg			✓		✓
Dahl	✓			✓	
Dickens			✓	✓	
Walliams	✓				
Morpurgo				✓	✓



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## Routines for drop off and pick up

- Please do not bring your car onto the school grounds. Only one parent is authorised to bring their vehicle onto the school grounds at the start and end of the day.
- Please follow the one way system when coming into school. Enter via the pedestrian gate and leave via the vehicle gate.
- The playground gates will be opened at 8.50am every morning. Please do not come earlier than this time or allow your child to walk down to school earlier than this time.
- All adults coming onto the school grounds will be required to wear a face covering whilst they are on the school site.
  - If you are exempt from wearing a mask for medical reasons you can wear a visor or arrange for a suitable adult who is able to wear a face covering to drop off and collect your children.
- Only 1 adult per family to come onto the school site.
- Keep a 2m distance from people outside of your family bubble at all times.
- In the morning Carle (Nursery), Donaldson (Reception) and Ahlberg parents can walk their children to class. If the adult does not have a face covering there will be a member of staff on hand to walk the children round to class.
  - All other children are to walk to class by themselves.
  - Parents can walk their child to the bottom of the path, say goodbye and walk back up the drive.
  - Mr Scragg will be at the bottom of the path to greet children and ensure they get to class safely.
- All children to go straight into class on arrival and wash their hands.
- Pick up at the end of the day is more difficult.
  - We will return to a staggered end of the day with three finishing times:- 2.55, 3.05, 3.15pm to spread the flow of people.
  - School will text you your pick up time.
  - Please arrive at the specified time and leave the school site as soon as you have collected your children.
  - Again only 1 adult per family.
  - All adults to wear a face covering.
  - Keep 2m apart at all times

I know you may have not seen your friends for some time but I urge you to leave the school site and return home as soon as you have dropped your child off. Please do not wait for friends or congregate at the gate. We are still in lockdown and need to continue to follow social distancing measures.



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