

Face Coverings at Drop Off and Collection

Please could I remind adults that, in line with our risk assessment, we request that all parents, unless exempt for medical reasons, wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting children. This is an important measure in trying to reduce possible transmission within our school community. Could I also request that on collection and drop off, adults leave site or the drop off points swiftly, again to limit contact and reduce risk of transmission. Thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Salford Schools Transition Arrangements Year 6 to Year 7

Unfortunately, we have received confirmation from Salford that, due to the current increased rate of transmission, that all Salford High Schools will no longer be in a position to continue with face to face induction days. As we have children transitioning to various high schools, we will be awaiting guidance from them regarding how they plan to proceed. Whilst we appreciate that this will be disappointing for the children, the Year 6 staff will continue to provide support for the children in school in preparation for their start in September.

Arrangements for September

We are beginning to receive queries from parents as to whether school will still be operating under COVID restrictions in September. At present, we have not received any updated guidance from the DfE. As always, we will endeavour to update parents as soon as any new guidance is issued. Unfortunately, this may not be until late in this term or even during the summer break. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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Staffing Update

Firstly, I would like to update you with wonderful news: Mrs Sequeira-Jennings and her husband have welcomed baby Sofia to the world – many congratulations to you both.

On July 5th, we will be pleased to welcome Miss Whitney back from her maternity leave. Whilst she won't have a class on her return this half term, she will have a class in September.

Also in September, we are thrilled to welcome Miss Mann to our teaching team and Mrs Manson has been appointed as our new permanent & part time SENCo. Miss Fairhurst held this role until a permanent appointment could be made after Mr Harris' departure and has already begun detailed transition with Mrs Manson. As part of this transition process, current IEPs will be reviewed and new ones will be created in collaboration with both Miss Fairhurst and Mrs Manson as well as current class teachers. These will be issued to parents in July, following our usual process, and shared with children's new class teachers during transition meetings, ready for the autumn term.

Windrush Day

Earlier this week, the children in Key Stage Two celebrated Windrush Day. The children learned lots of information about the Windrush Generation, including using their Geography knowledge to understand where the generation of people travelled from in the Caribbean and using historical source evidence to understand the reasons why people came to Britain and what life was like when they arrived. A very thought provoking, reflective day with lots of respectful discussions – well done Key Stage Two!

Dates for your Diary

5 th - 16 th July	Health and Fitness Fortnight
6 th July	Year 6 Visit - Crucial Crew (am)
6 th July	KS1 Sports Day (am) KS2 Sports Day (pm)
7 th July	EYFS Sports Day (am)
8 th July	Nursery to Reception Transition Visits
12 th - 14 th July	Y6 Patterdale Residential
15 th & 16 th July	Transition Day (Y1—Y5) and Rec Half Day Visits
16 th July	Sponsor Event
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Event - 9:15am
22 nd July	School closes - Summer Break

Illness in School

This week, we have seen an increase in school in child absence due to a range of symptoms / illnesses, many of which do not fall within the identified 'key' COVID19 symptoms. Could I please draw parents attention back to the Salford letter issued last Friday regarding the local advice on testing. As explained in the letter, 'numbers of new coronavirus cases are rising steeply in Salford – we are now one of the top ten areas in the country for coronavirus rates'. The current advice states, 'If you, your child or a family member starts to feel **unwell in any way** book a PCR test at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119. The new variant has a range of symptoms so you should get a test and choose the 'My local authority asked me to get a test' option when prompted. Don't use a lateral flow (rapid) test as these are only suitable for people with no symptoms at all.' I hope this provides clarity for parents and offers reassurance that as a school community, we are all working together to reduce transmission and in turn, keep the children in school.