



# Yew Tree Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you and your families are well and have managed to enjoy the summer holidays.

We would like to once again thank you for your patience and understanding during the past year and we hope that this year can be less problematic.

Although restrictions have been lifted the virus is still an issue so we need to remain vigilant and help reduce the transmission within our school community. The new guidance should hopefully mean that the children will not miss weeks and weeks of face to face learning as has been the case in the past. Only children/staff who test positive will need to isolate and there should be less 'bubbles' that need closing. The only reason to close a 'bubble' would be due to multiple cases in one class.

We will continue with a number of measures which have worked well such as :- regular hand washing/sanitising, separate playground areas for year groups at break times and lunch times, a more fluid pick up and drop off procedure at the start and the end of the day to reduce the number of parents and any 'congestion'.

School will open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for all children in Years 1 to 6 and those children who had a letter in Nursery and Reception confirming Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September as their first day.

School starts at 9.00am but classroom doors will be open from 8.50am allowing children to come in over a longer period thus reducing the usual rush.

Gates for playgrounds will go back to opening just after 8.30am to reduce 'congestion' at the points of entry and we still request only one parent to attend.

School will go back to the usual closing time of 3.15 for FS and KS1 and 3.10 for KS2. Doors will again open slightly earlier (5 minutes) to allow for a longer 'departure' window to help reduce crowds.

Teaching and learning should be able to go back to 'normal' and experiences in the classroom will return including the opportunities for real experiences with trips, visits and visitors back on the timetable.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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