

Autumn 1

Monday 6th
September



Welcome back

Welcome back to school.

The children have all made a really good start to school and they all look very smart in their uniforms. Please could you write their name in all their uniform as we can't reunite them otherwise!

School dinners

School dinners— please give the school office a ring if you are swapping your child's dinners from school dinners to packed lunch. This can only be done with a full weeks warning. Many thanks

Year 5 swimming

Year 5 children will start their school swimming programme on Friday 10th September. They will leave on a coach at approximately 9:00am so please ensure your child is in school on time.

They will need a swimming costume/trunks and a towel. If your child has long hair they will also need a swimming hat.

Year 5 will continue to attend swimming lessons until February half term to try to 'catch up' on the lessons they missed last year.

Children who are not swimming will remain in school with work provided by Miss Slack.

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Covid-19

Covid-19 Measures in Educational Settings from September 2021			
Effective and should be continued (little or no impact on the quality of education provided)		Effective but clear negative impact on education (this may be re-introduced during a confirmed outbreak/ substantial increase in cases)	
1	<p>DO Vaccination - for all those eligible.</p>	1	<p>Social distancing between children, namely the use of bubble management, between year groups, and/ or classes or in extreme cases where on-site provision is only retained for vulnerable children and children of critical workers.</p>
2	<p>DO Testing - for those with symptoms must isolate and book a PCR test and isolate until the results are known.</p> <p>Continue with LFD home-based testing for staff and secondary-age students without symptoms.</p> <p>DO follow this local guidance and report cases to your local Single Point of Contact (SPOC).</p>	2	<p>In some outbreak circumstances the setting may be required to contact trace and recommend PCR tests for close contacts and self-isolation of unvaccinated adult contacts.</p>
3	<p>DO Support positive cases to isolate, and support contact tracing of staff as per workplace guidance.</p>	3	<p>Use of staggered start and finish times that may/ may not require changes to the length of the school day.</p>
4	<p>DO Social distancing between staff (where feasible).</p>	4	<p>Limits on use of external adults/ staff entering the building.</p>
5	<p>DO Respiratory hygiene – for example 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'.</p>	5	<p>Limits on trips.</p>
6	<p>DO Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.</p>	6	<p>Face coverings in communal spaces /and in classrooms for staff and students.</p>
7	<p>DO Personal protective equipment (PPE) – to be used in an appropriate and safe manner when managing a symptomatic/ Covid-19 positive person within the setting.</p>	7	<p>Daily testing or wider testing of identified/ cohorts of students and staff.</p>
8	<p>DO Hand hygiene - Frequent and thorough hand cleaning should now be regular practice. You should continue to ensure that students clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water or hand sanitiser.</p>	8	<p>As a last resort measure, move classes/ year group to remote learning for a specified period. NB: maintaining provision for vulnerable children/children of critical workers may still be possible.</p>

9	DO Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes , using standard products such as detergents.		
10	WHERE POSSIBLE Utilise multiple entrances and exits to and from the setting to avoid large crowding and utilise outdoor space.		
11	WHERE POSSIBLE Reduce the number of occasions where larger numbers of adults come into the building and where possible or advantageous to the setting/ families utilise remote connect methods.		

The above table outlines some of the advice I have received from the Local Authority.

From the beginning of September people now do not need to isolate unless confirmed as having Covid.

If you think that your child may have Covid then please book a PCR test and do not send them into school until you have the results. Negative result then you can come back as normal. Positive result then your child will need to isolate.

We now do not close bubbles unless there is an outbreak and then we take advice from PHE before we do.

You will be informed if there is a case in your child's class and I will ask you to keep an eye on your child in case they have any symptoms. If they start with symptoms please follow the above advice.

If your child has to isolate then we can provide you with a netbook so that they can access live lessons and not miss any school. Please ask at the office if you need this equipment.

To keep our community safe please could I ask you if at all possible, wear a face mask while dropping off and collecting your child from school and follow the one way system and social distance if you can.

Thankyou so much for your cooperation.