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Dear Parents and carers,

A huge thank you for all your support yesterday with the procedures at the start at the end of the day. We think they went very smoothly and limited adult to adult interaction, which will help keep us all safe, allowing the school to remain open for all children to attend. Thank you also to the parents who are continuing to wear masks and social distance.

We will continue to review the process, advising you of any changes over the coming days. However, we will be closing the electric gates at 8:50am each morning to ensure a prompt start to the day and make certain all our children are on site and in their classes before registers close.

A reminder that lessons begin promptly:

- Year 5/6 - 8:40am
- All other year groups - 8:50am

You may also be interested to know that government guidance has been updated and whilst the vast majority of details have remained the same there are some important changes. We have provided details below on the guidance suggested to reduce the risk of transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.

- If your child is absent from school you must advise the school office before 9am on their first day of absence and each day thereafter. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence and the potential involvement of the local authority's attendance service.
- If your child has Covid we ask that you provide a copy of the digital confirmation received from the NHS

Close contacts

From 14 December 2021, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:

- fully vaccinated adults - people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine





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Children under 5 years are exempt from self-isolation and do not need to take part in daily testing of close contacts.

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>)

They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

Hand Hygiene

Frequent and thoroughly handwashing should be regular practice. Pupils to continue clean their hands regularly. This can be done with hand sanitiser or soap.

Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

When school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.

Travel and quarantine

All children and staff travelling to England must adhere to government travel advice in travel to England from another country during coronavirus (COVID-19). Parents travelling abroad should bear in mind the impact on their child's education which may result from any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return.

If you would like access to the document Schools COVID-19 operational guidance please use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Once again thank you for your continued support and should you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or a member of the senior leadership team. Our doors are always open and we are very happy to help where we can.

Best wishes

Sue Heather
Headteacher

