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Dear Parents/Carers

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation during the first two weeks of term with our on-going COVID-19 restrictions.

Our school COVID-19 risk assessment has now been reviewed to reflect the most recent government guidance. As you will read below, we continue to be cautious as we know the virus continues to be present within our community. We believe that a gradual approach will allow our children, families and staff to be more comfortable as school moves back to a more normal, pre-pandemic way of operating.

**The changes detailed below will take affect from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Bubbles:**

Children will no longer be required to remain in bubbles. This will enable:

- flexibility in our delivery of the curriculum
- whole school playtimes
- a gradual return to whole school assemblies
- all lunches to return to the dining hall

**Drop off and pick up procedure:**

We will continue to have a number of separate drop off/pick up points from school to avoid major congestion. However, we have reduced this by removing the need to enter/exit through the back gate onto Pinfold.

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery (Wrens)	Foundation Stage entrance 8.30am	Foundation Stage entrance 3.30pm <i>Please stand to the side (where the benches are) until the Reception children have been dismissed.</i>
Reception (Kingfishers)	Foundation Stage entrance 8.40am	Foundation Stage entrance 3.20pm
Year 1 (Peacocks)	Playground A member of staff will come down to the playground at 8.40am to collect the children.	No change- Foundation Stage outdoor area 3.20pm
Year 2 (Hummingbirds)	Playground A member of staff will come down to the playground at 8.40am to collect the children.	Walk through the playground, past the Foundation Stage outdoor area, through the gate and into the small yard where the big green

		metal container is located. Exit around the front of the school- past Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms. 3.20pm
Year 3 (Swallows)	No change- Year 3 classroom door 8.40am	No change- Year 3 classroom door 3.20pm
Year 4 (Macaws)	No change- A member of staff will collect the children from the small yard at the front of the school (enter the school grounds by reception, turn right and follow the path past the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms to the green gate). 8.40am	No change- A member of staff will bring the children to the small yard at the front of the school (enter the school grounds by reception, turn right and follow the path past the Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms to the green gate). 3.20pm
Year 5 (Cardinals)	No change- Year 5 classroom door 8.40am	No change- Year 5 classroom door 3.20pm
Year 6 (Falcons)	No change- Year 6 classroom door 8.40am	No change- Year 6 classroom door 3.20pm

We appreciate separate drop off/pick up points can be difficult when you have more than one child. Although we encourage a prompt start to the school day with the times above, the gates will not be locked until 9am. We encourage parents to carefully consider the best order to drop off pupils and, where safe to do so, encourage independence of older children (Year 5 & Year 6) who can walk round independently at 8.40am.

#### Good hygiene:

Staff and children will continue to be encouraged to wash and/or sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day. Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms. Children will be reminded of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and tissues will always be available in classrooms and communal areas.

#### Learning environment:

Classrooms will return to how they would have been arranged pre-pandemic with children working in collaborative groups. Children will continue to have individual resources packs of key items (pen, pencil, scissors, glue stick, ruler etc). We ask that children **DO NOT** bring in their own pencil cases. Children will have access to shared resources- high levels of cleaning and sanitising will remain in place.

A one-way system around the Key Stage Two block will remain in place for pupils.

#### Ventilation:

Government guidance continues to highlight the importance of good ventilation. As a result, windows, and where safe to do so, doors will be open. As the weather grows colder, we will remain conscious of maintaining a comfortable learning environment. Children will be encouraged to bring a jumper/cardigan to school as well as a coat.

#### Uniform:

Children must attend school in full school uniform. Children should bring PE kits in a bag to change into prior to their PE lesson. Children from Y1 to Y6 has two PE sessions per week on two separate days.



### Symptoms:

Please do not send your child to school if they present any of the symptoms of COVID-19. We would request that the child be taken for a PCR test. A child with symptoms of COVID-19 should not return to school until they either have a negative PCR test result or their symptoms cease.

If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be taken to a quiet area of school with an adult, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

### Tracing close contacts:

Close contacts with confirmed positive cases will now be identified by NHS Test and Trace only. School will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. If you are informed that your child has had close contact with a positive case through NHS Test and Trace, you will be advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Children and young people (below the age of 18 and 6 months) are **NOT** required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

### Face coverings:

There is no longer a requirement to wear a face covering around school. However, should a parent/carer or member of staff feel more comfortable to continue to wear a face covering, they are welcome to do so. We ask that everyone is respectful of others individual choice.

### Outbreak management plan:

In the event of an 'outbreak' in school or in the local area, the school has written an 'Outbreak management Plan'. This can be found on the school website. It outlines which restrictions may need to be reintroduced.

For further information, the school COVID-19 risk assessment September 2019 can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your continued support.

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