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Return to school Spring term 2021 revised arrangements

Dear Parents, carers

You will no doubt have heard the latest debates between Government and Unions on the safety of the environment for schools for our children/staff and the news of Primary school closures in areas of London and South of England. The Government guidance for the majority of Primary schools in England is that schools are still 'safe' environments for children, staff to return to and school will therefore we will be open as usual for all pupils from 5th January 2021. We understand and appreciate the anxieties you may be feeling about your child/ren's return to school. Today we have reviewed all our control measures in our school risk assessment and have made the following revisions to try and make our school as safe an environment as possible for our children, staff and site visitors. We believe we are doing as much as we possibly can in school to continue to make our environment as safe as possible, however the success of our revised control measures will need the buy-in and support from yourselves as parents of our children. We acknowledge that some of the control measures below may cause you some inconvenience, but we believe them to be essential and therefore request your continued support during this challenging period.

Revised school control measures Spring term 2021: Effective from 5.1.2021

| School Control Measures | |
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|  HANDS | School will continue with its present hygiene regime in school, which proved to be effective during the Autumn Term. See School general Risk Assessment for more details. |
|  FACE | Wearing of Face coverings – From 5.1.2021 school are requesting <u>all visitors</u> to school site <u>MUST</u> now wear face coverings on entry to and whilst they remain on school site. All staff in school will now be wearing face coverings in where direct contact with children/others cannot be avoided |
|  SPACE | <p>Social Distancing of 2 metres will be strictly enforced across school</p> <p>School has in operation a one-way system and 2 metres social distancing control measures in place for staff/pupils in school.</p> <p>From 5.1.2021 this will be extended to include all site visitors, we will expect yourselves, as parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep 2 metres apart from other parents whilst on school site • to limit the contacts you have with others whilst on school site. <p>Please do not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ use the school gates/school as an opportunity to have a catch-up chat or to socialise with friends ❖ use drop-off and collection as an opportunity to engage in a discussion with your child's class teacher. ❖ enter the school reception area, this is an isolation area for children who are awaiting collection who are displaying covid-19 symptoms. ❖ send your child to school if they are displaying any covid-19 symptoms. |

School Control Measures



Important Reminders to parents/carers dropping off/collecting children from school:

1. Year 6 parents/carers please **DO NOT** get out of your vehicles and escort your child to the gates. School needs to maintain its strict social distancing control measures to protect all our children, staff and parents/carers from the risk of spreading covid-19.
2. Nursery parents/carers please drop off/collect your child using the Nursery gate at your allotted times.
3. All Parents/carers once children have been dropped off/collected can you please leave the school site as soon as possible - again school needs to maintain its social distancing control measures.
4. All Parents/carers – school has implemented a strict drop off and collection timetable, please see below, we need you to support us with site safety for all our children by adhering to the times stated. The only exceptions to this is if you have siblings when you can drop off and collect your children at the earliest/latest drop off/collection times.
5. Reception children - **Please note the change in collection time is now 3.20pm from 5.1.2021**
6. **Y1- Y6 Children – In the morning**, please enter the school via the Double Gates, parents'/carers car park. On entry to school:
 - a. Children will line up ready for their temperature checks on entry to school. Parents, please do not leave until your child/ren have had their temperature check and entered school safely.
 - b. Please adhere to the drop-off and collection times shown below so school can reduce the risk of spreading covid-19 through limiting the contacts between people on school site at any one time and maintaining social distancing. **At Collection times:**
 - **No-one should be waiting on the playground to collect their children**
 - **Parents should not allow their children to play on the outdoor equipment.**

| Year Group | Drop Off Time | Collection Time | Drop Off | Collection point |
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| Year 6 | 8:30am | 3:30pm | At Gates (Car Park) | Classroom |
| Year 5 | 8:40am | 3:20pm | | |
| Year 4 | 8:50am | 3:10pm | | |
| Year 3 | 8:50am | 3:10pm | | |
| Year 2 | 8:40am | 3:20pm | | |
| Year 1 | 8:30am | 3:30pm | | |
| Reception | 9:00am | 3:20pm | Top Gate | Top Gate – parents to enter and proceed to classroom door for collection of children |
| Wraparound Care Club | Breakfast Club: 7.45am-8.30am Monday-Friday | | Breakfast Club: Hall Entrance | |

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|  | Temperature checks on entry to school: will be reintroduced for all children from 5.1.2021. School would urge all parents to check their child/ren's temperature prior to leaving home in the morning and if it is higher than 38 degrees please DO NOT bring your child/ren to school. |
|  | School wraparound care club services: Breakfast Club will continue to operate, subject to demand and staffing capacity during Spring term 2021. After school club, Governors are meeting this week to review the situation and further information will be issued to all parents on Friday 8 th February 2021. |
|  | School Meals: School Meals will continue to operate with the same control measures in place as at the end of Autumn term 2020 i.e. only those children having a hot school meal will eat in the hall, children with a packed lunch will eat in their classrooms. To check your eligibility for Free School Meals please visit Online FSM Application (cloudforedu.org.uk) . Mid-morning snacks for KS2 children can still be ordered on ParentMail. |
|  | Remote Learning: Should school need to move to remote learning in the event of a full/partial school closure we have now our DfE remote learning project using Microsoft Office 365 Education set up and ready to go. This week we will be introducing Microsoft Office 365 Education into our delivery of the curriculum in school. School has sent out a survey today via ParentMail to assess children's accessibility to ICT in the home – please ensure you complete and return as the closing date is 5.1.2021. We will send out further updates in due course on our progress and how you as parents can get involved to support your child/ren's remote learning. |
| Please note school will be forced to refuse entry to school premises for parents who fail to adhere to these control measures. | |

School would like to thank you all in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support. We are committed to working with you all as parents and carers to ensure the safe return to school of your children and that children, staff and school visitors continue to remain healthy, fit and well during the Covid-19 pandemic. **Just to reiterate please follow the latest government guidance regarding self-isolation** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and if your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 please keep them at home, book a covid-19 test and inform school for our Track and Trace recording.

Kind regards

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