

Covid Newsletter

17.1.22

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a spike in cases in school over this weekend with 15 reported new cases. This means that the Trust and I have made the decision to revert to bubbles across school for two weeks. This is in order to help us remain open and keep the children and staff safe.

Below you will find out your child's new routine for drop off and pick up, playtimes and lunchtimes, information about Explorers before and after school club, information about other extra-curricular activities and new guidance about visitors for the next two weeks.

Please read this letter through before you contact us, to see if your questions are answered.

Drop off and pick up – STARTING TODAY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

We are going back to requesting that only one adult drops off and picks up and that adult needs to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting.

Can we ask that you socially distance when waiting.

Please can I mention as well that parents need to be dropping off or picking up and then leaving the premises as soon as possible. As sad as it makes me this cannot be a social time.

The arrangements for your child(s) classes are detailed below – **FROM TODAY FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

Year Group	Entrance	Entrance time	Collection point	Collection time
Reception	Classroom door (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Classroom door – then all parents and children exit through the bottom playground gate	3.00
Year 1	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Fire exit in the reception outdoor area - then all parents and children exit through the bottom playground gate	3.00
Year 2	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Council Macca Gate	3.00
Year 3	Y3/4 cloakroom door (normal)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Y3/4 cloakroom door	3.15

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Year 4	Y4 fire door (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Y4 fire door	3.15
Year 5	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Bottom playground gate	3.15
Year 6	Main entrance	From 8.40 – 9.00	Main entrance	3.15

Explorers

Explorers will continue to operate as normal and if you have been given a place, you still have this place. The children will be distanced in the hall and stay in year group bubbles.

Extra-curricular clubs

To ensure that the children don't mix over the next two weeks we are cancelling clubs including, singing, lunchtime football, creation club, karate, dance, multi-sports, homework and art club. You will be refunded please be patient. This is a direction from the Trust.

Playtimes

Your children will have a designated zone in the playground to play with their class. They have done this before and they coped well. Please remember, at this point this is just for two weeks.

Year group	Playtime Location	Playtime Time	Lunchtime Location	Lunchtime Time
Reception	NA	NA	Yellow playground	11.40 – 12.30
Year 1	Yellow Playground	10.00 -10.15	Orange Playground	11.50 – 12.40
Year 2	Green Playground	10.00-10.15	Green Playground	12.15-1.05
Year 3	Yellow Playground	10.20 – 10.35	Red Playground	12.30-1.20
Year 4	Orange Playground	10.20-10.35	Yellow Playground	12.40-1.30
Year 5	Green Playground	10.35-10.50	Orange Playground	12.50 – 1.40
Year 6	Orange Playground	10.35-10.50	Red playground and green playground	1.00-1.50

**SCHOOL
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TENNIS COURTS

Blue Playground

COUNCIL MACCA

Purple Playground

MINI MACCA

Red Playground

UPPER PLAYGROUND

Green Playground

SMALL PLAYGROUND

Yellow Playground

BOTTOM PLAYGROUND

Orange playground

Toilets

The children will be using their regular toilet at any time they need to as usual. However, there will be an increase in cleaning of these facilities.

What can my child bring to school?

They can continue to bring book bags, coats, wellies, water bottles and pencil cases (if appropriate for their class).

Reading books and library

Your child will still be able to bring and take home a reading book and library book

Cleaning and handwashing

There will be an increased amount of cleaning and handwashing within your child's class. If you find your gets dry hands with our soap you are more than welcome to send your child with their own soap but this must be labelled up with their name and class.

Masks and hand gel

We don't require children to wear masks however if the older children (years 5 and 6) would like to then they can as long as it is not something they will fuss with. We ask that these are plain black or the medical style ones therefore they are not a

distraction. Staff will be wearing masks in the communal areas of school. We are asking that parents wear masks for drop off and pickup.

We have hand gel stations around school for children to use freely as well as hand gel in class but if your child has reaction to our gel they can bring their own but this must be labelled with their name and class, and again, it cannot become a distraction.

The Curriculum

For the next two weeks the curriculum will run as normal for your child including PE and outdoor learning. Intervention groups should still go ahead if staffing allows it.

The Nest, 1:1 support and outside agency visits

The nest will continue to be open for single year group interventions and 1:1 session. You will still be able to gain access to Mrs Dyson and Miss Smales in the morning on the playground. If you need a more private conversation, can we recommend you phone school. However, if you need to talk to someone regarding safeguarding we will meet you in school.

If your child has a 1:1 support this will still be in place, we will make sure your child will have access to support even if their regular staff member is off.

We are still accommodating educational psychologists, social workers and other professionals from outside agencies. We appreciate we do not want to add any more time on children's pathways to support therefore we are ensuring these adults have read our risk assessment and are abiding by our Covid restrictions in the building.

Celebration assemblies and collective worships

For the next two weeks we will be reverting to virtual collective worships and virtual celebration assemblies. You will be able to view the celebration assemblies via the school website.

Remote and online learning

As you are currently aware when you let us know your child is positive this triggers a phone call from your child's class teacher. They will discuss online learning with you. If your child is poorly they will not be expected to complete work however if they are well, we will send work through via do-jo or seesaw.

Moving around school

We will be moving the children carefully around school ensuring there is as little cross over of classes as possible.

Social distancing

We will be continuing to advise children to keep their distance from other children but as I am sure you can appreciate this is challenging with the younger children.

Risk assessment and monitoring the situation

We are working with the Trust to monitor the situation and we will make sure that you receive any information as soon as we make decisions. I will be contacting you next Monday as usual and then I will also update you next Friday as to potentially returning to normal.

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding,

Mrs Jones

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