

## COVID 19 RESTRICTIVE MEASURES – AN OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

As you know, schools have received updated guidance frequently over the last year in regards to keeping everyone safe. Here is an overview of the main areas of focus in school that you and your child will notice and rules we need you to follow. Our Governors sign off on any changes we make, reviewing any new systems and monitoring the work of existing systems.

As and when guidance changes, we will review our restrictive measures and make changes as appropriate.

We thank you for your support in following these rules – we look forward to the day when we can ease restrictions.

<p><b>Does anyone in your household have COVID SYMPTOMS?</b></p>	<p>These symptoms are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high temperature 37.8 or over</li> <li>• a new, continuous cough</li> <li>• a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</li> </ul> <p>If you do, you must all stay home and the person with symptoms need to get tested. Please inform the school as soon as possible the reason for absence and the result of the test before your child returns to school.</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms during the school day, we will call you and someone from your household/support bubble must collect as soon as possible. While we are waiting, your child will be in a room away from other children, monitored by one member of staff, with games or books to keep them busy.</p>
<p><b>NHS Trace and Test</b></p>	<p>All schools are part of the Trace and Test system. Therefore, we would contact you with information regarding any bubbles closures and what that means for your child.</p>
<p><b>Lateral Flow Tests</b></p>	<p>All staff can access twice weekly lateral flow tests. This is an excellent system as it increases our confidence that asymptomatic cases are being identified to reduce the risk of transmission.</p>
<p><b>Remote learning</b></p>	<p>Should your child be absent due to COVID reasons, but is well and able to work, we expect them to access learning as they have been since Christmas. As teachers will now be in class fulltime, the Zoom sessions will stop and videos won't be of our teachers. Please refer to Purple Mash and Google Classroom as normal.</p>
<p><b>Staggered start and finish times</b></p>	<p>We aim to reduce the number of people on site by having staggered start and finish times. Times allow for siblings across the schools to be dropped off/collected. We have kept the times the same as the Autumn term - <i>See below for details</i></p>
<p><b>Year group bubbles</b></p>	<p>To limit the number of people mixing whilst being able to offer our full curriculum, we are continuing with our year group bubbles. This means that children across the classes can mix with each other and share working spaces. We will have to have staggered play and lunchtimes, have assemblies in class or in the hall with their bubbles to stop any bubbles mixing.</p>
<p><b>Staffing</b></p>	<p>The vast majority of staff will remain in their bubble. However, we do have a few staff who move across bubbles, either on a regular basis or to cover staff absence. We therefore take additional measures in those cases.</p>
<p><b>Additional cleaning and hand hygiene</b></p>	<p>Children will continue to use anti-bac on arrival and have more frequent handwashing during the school day. More frequent cleaning takes place, particularly "touch points" such as door handles, light switches, etc... Any spaces that are shared are cleaned in between bubbles.</p>
<p><b>Increased ventilation</b></p>	<p>We have windows open much more than usual to ensure we have good ventilation in school. Please think about putting your child in additional layers on cold days as we have to keep doing this, no matter the temperature outside.</p>
<p><b>Face coverings</b></p>	<p>All visitors (unless you are exempt) are requested to wear a face covering on school grounds. Staff are now wearing face coverings when moving around the school. This is not required in classrooms and offices where staff work.</p>
<p><b>Parents in the playground</b></p>	<p>To further reduce numbers in the playground, please can only one parent bring their child/ren? Please keep your child with you, rather than playing with others and possibly mixing bubbles and leave the site promptly.</p>

<b>Who collects your child?</b>	Only people from your household or your support bubble can collect your child. Please let us know if anything has changed in this regards for your child.
<b>Social distancing</b>	When you come to school, please ensure you keep your (2metre+) distance from each other and from staff. It still feels unnatural to step away from people, but we need to keep each other safe at this time by reducing the amount of contact we have.
<b>Talking to staff/teachers</b>	As we need people to leave the site promptly, we won't be able to chat to parents at drop off or collection at any length. Please call or email and we will get back to you if you would like a proper conversation.
<b>Visitors to School</b>	We are still not able to invite parents into school. The only visitors we have are those essential to teaching and learning or for important site work, such as maintenance or health and safety.
<b>Lunches</b>	We will still have hot lunches when we start back. See new menu attached Juniors – please top up your school dinners account – thank you!
<b>PE days</b>	We would like our children to continue to wear PE kits on PE days – this reduces busy-ness in corridors. <i>Details will be on next week's newsletter.</i>
<b>Breakfast and After School Clubs</b>	These will reopen from 8 <sup>th</sup> March – please contact Stephanie if you have any questions.
<b>Other clubs</b>	We will not be starting any curriculum after school clubs this term – we will review this for the summer term. <b>Junior School</b> - Music tuition and PE tuition as part of the teachers' PPA will start straight away – we receive risk assessments from these organisations.
<b>Playground equipment</b>	As this equipment is on a rota, children cannot use it before or after school.

### **Infant School**

#### **• Arrival**

- 8.45am - if you have one child in either Yellow, Green or Bluebells Class
- 9.00am - families with infant or junior siblings in any class
- 9.15am - if you have one child in either Purple, Orange or Blueberries Class

#### **• Collection**

- 3.00pm - if you have one child in either Yellow, Green or Bluebells Class
- 3.15pm - families with infant or junior siblings in any class
- 3.30pm - if you have one child in either Purple, Orange or Blueberries Class

#### **Which gates to use to arrive?**

As the infant grounds are quite narrow by Blue Class and we have more families with little ones and buggies, we need to reduce the number of people cutting through the school.

- Year 2 and Blueberries Class – please arrive and leave via the gates on London Road. You can leave bikes/scooters by the fence in the Yr2 waiting area.
- Year 1 and Bluebells Class – please arrive and leave via the gates on Hermitage Drive. Please arrive down the pedestrian path and leave via the driveway. Bikes/scooters left alongside the fence on the field.

Please follow any markings you see on display – we have a one-way system in some areas to avoid crossing paths. A few parents will need to cross through the playground to drop children at different sides of the school – you may cut through the grounds. Everyone else, please help us by keeping to the gates for your class –thank you!!

### **Junior School**

#### **• Arrival**

- 8.45am - if you have an infant sibling
- 9.00 - if you have only junior children

#### **• Collection**

- 3.00pm if you have an infant sibling
- 3.15pm if you have only junior children

#### **Which gates to use?**

- You can use any gates as we have much more space here.

#### **Mornings**

- Years 3 & 4 – you may bring your child onto the playground in the morning.
- Years 5 & 6 – please say goodbye at the gates in the morning. Parents with infant siblings to drop or collect – you may cut through the playground.
- All children to enter the school as they arrive, rather than play and wait for the bell

**Afternoons**

- Every child must be collected by someone in their household or support bubble.
- Year 5 and 6 can arrive or leave by themselves if parents have completed the relevant form. Please contact the admin team if you need help with that.