

Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had a good time over the Christmas holidays and have stayed safe and well. We were pleased that we were able to have one term of normality where children could take part in a range of visits outside of school, mix with their friends at playtimes, sit beside each other at lunchtimes and take part in mixed age group activities across the school. We could see that the children had really missed this and have been much happier since the bubble restrictions were lifted.

However, unfortunately, as you will be aware the cases of COVID have risen sharply and we need to ensure that we take the appropriate steps to reduce the spread of infection as far as possible.

We will continue with the rigorous cleaning and hygiene routines.

Staff will regularly take Lateral Flow Tests and wear masks in communal areas.

We will limit visitors in school and only make face to face appointments if is necessary to do so.

Testing and Isolation Information

All individuals who have been identified, as a close contact of a suspected case or confirmed case of Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly, required to self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test.

The local health protection team or NHS Test and trace will inform them if they fall under this category.

For all other individuals, isolation rules have not changed.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

they are fully vaccinated

they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months

they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Therefore, children do not need to isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID. We advise however, that you stay vigilant and look for any signs of illness and test the children if you have any concerns.



Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is open again to all children.

Running Monday-Friday 7.30am-8.50am in the sports hall.

- 7.30am-£2.50
- 8am-£1.50
- 8.30am-£1.00

Please note: Unless children are in year 5 and 6 and you allow them to walk to school by themselves, an adult must bring their child in to Breakfast club, ring the bell and wait with them until the door is opened. An adult will then register them.

Contact Details

Parents, please can you ensure that we have your accurate contact details, mobile numbers and at least 2 further emergency contacts and telephone numbers.



Office

We are trying to reduce the amount of traffic in school. We will now be only allowing 2 people at any one time into the main office area, all parents/carers must be wearing masks before entering the premises, unless exempt under medical grounds. Where possible we are asking all communication to be either via a phone call to the office or a message on class dojo. If you do need to come into school please call the office and make an appointment to avoid waiting.

Beginning and End of the Day

Whilst parents will still be allowed on to the playground, we would be grateful if, for your own safety and that of others, you could wear masks when dropping off or collecting your child.

Parents should try and maintain distance.

In order for children to leave the classroom and meet their parents in an orderly manner, it would be easier and more efficient if parents waited in a line. That way staff would call out the names in the order the parents were waiting.

Therefore

Reception parents please wait along the metal fence alongside the Reception outdoor area.

Year 1 parents please wait beside the small gate in front of the Year 1 classroom and alongside the wall towards the cloakroom door.

Year 2, 3 and 5 along the wall outside the classroom door.

Year 4 Outside year 3/4 cloakroom door.

Year 6 will be walked out on to the playground and staff will wait until all children have been collected.

If any child is not collected, they will be brought to the main reception and an adult will wait with them while contact with parents is made.

We do not advise that any child in Year 5 or below walks home on their home. However, if you wish your child to walk home, please ensure you have completed the attached form, ensuring the days you wish your child to walk home.

If your child attends an after-school club, you will need to collect them from the main reception as all gates will be locked.

Please can you ensure that while waiting on the playground at the beginning or end of the day that the children or their younger siblings do not play or climb on the equipment. It would be appreciated if in the morning they can start lining up so staff can get the children in to school as quickly as possible in a calm and orderly manner.

We aim to lock all the gates by 3.40pm

Thank you for your support

