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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and have managed to get out and enjoy the sunshine. Using the latest guidance, I have been able to prepare for the start of the new term. I am reluctant to make lots of changes considering we are currently in an enhanced response area. I will review this at half term, and hopefully we will be in a position then to have parents back on site.

The guidance can be read in full at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance#stepping>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Based on these documents, here is an overview of the key information, please see separate risk assessment attached for more information.

- If your child or anyone in your house develops Covid symptoms they must get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test) and not attend school whilst they wait for the result. Nobody should come on to the school site if they have any symptoms of Covid.
- If someone tests positive for Covid 19, they must still isolate and follow the guidance from NHS England.

School procedures (to be reviewed at half term)

- Children will be collected from the car park by their teachers at 8.50. Children will be walked up to the car park for 3.15pm.
- Year group toilets will remain in place.
- Extra handwashing and sanitising will be required throughout the day as before.
- Additional cleaning of resources and the classrooms will take place daily.
- Rooms will be well ventilated as windows and doors will be open (pupils can of course wear layers if they are cold and we will have the heating on when needed).
- We will continue to follow all guidelines the government produce which includes having a clear, robust plan and risk assessment in place for any outbreaks that may occur.
- Breakfast club will start daily from 8am. Please can children bring their own breakfast and be met at the village hall. Please book in on ParentPay.
- After school club will run 3.15-4pm and 3.15pm-5pm and must still be booked in advance.
- All pupils are required to attend school daily. We know that attendance is so important to their wellbeing and education. Pupils should only stay off school if they have Covid symptoms themselves or are too poorly with any other illness. Please inform the office of this as usual.



- If someone tests positive for Covid, pupils (and adults who are fully vaccinated) who are close contacts will not need to isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves but they will be advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate whilst waiting on the PCR test (as long as they are symptom free). Test and trace have now taken over the role of identifying and contacting close contacts however we will of course support if asked to. (This rule may be adapted, alongside reintroducing bubbles, if there are a number of cases in the school in a short period of time however we would seek advice from PHE and follow what they say in a situation such as this.
- Educational day trips and residentials will be planned in over the year and are expected to go ahead
- Assemblies can take place including singing assembly and we expect that performances will be able to have an audience.

We are very aware that for some of you and the children, there may be anxieties around school getting back to normal. Please do talk to any of the staff if you have any worries or concerns and we will do everything we can to support you.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all next week and seeing your lovely children.

Kind regards,

Grace Smith
Headteacher