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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all enjoyed a happy and relaxing summer with your families.

As we look forward to the start of term, I am writing to update you with regards to how the school will operate now that Covid-19 restrictions have been eased. These are the key points that you need to know:

- The school day will start at **8.40am** and finish at **3.30pm** for all children. Please ensure that your children arrive promptly for the start of the school day as the first 20-minute lesson, before assembly at 9.00am, is important learning time. Breakfast club will still open at 8.00am and after school club will still run until 5.30pm.
- We are no longer required to work in bubbles. Therefore, children will be able to mix indoors (e.g. in assemblies and in the lunch hall) and outdoors at play time.
- Staff will continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests at home, but will no longer be required to wear masks in school.
- We will continue to promote good hygiene, ensure that rooms are well ventilated and maintain appropriate cleaning in classrooms and shared areas.
- A positive case of Covid-19 will no longer automatically lead to the closure of a class or bubble. Current guidance for schools states:

Under-18s, irrespective of their vaccination status, and double vaccinated adults will not need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive case. They will be strongly advised to take a PCR test and, if positive, will need to isolate.

If your child has any [Covid-19 symptoms](#) (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) you must get a PCR test (sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible. Your child must stay at home and self-isolate until you get your test result (only leave home to have a test). Your child may return to school if it comes back negative. If the test result is positive, please follow the guidance provided in your test result. **Lateral Flow Device test (completed at home) is not sufficient for primary school aged children.**

There is a contingency plan in place so that in the event of an outbreak of positive cases of Covid-19 within the school community (pupils and staff), additional measures will be put into place.

For more information, please see: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges.](#)

Best wishes

Mr. J. Veness