



30th March 2021

Good afternoon,

I write with the latest updates from government regarding the amended operational guidance, and the roadmap since moving to Step 1, on 29th March 2021.

Test and Trace support payments:

Some parents and carers may be eligible for a one-off Test and Trace Support Payment of £500. To be eligible for this support payment there is information on the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

Expectations for clinically extremely vulnerable

Shielding is being paused national from 31st March. Pupils who live with someone who is CEV should continue to attend school as normal.

Changes to wraparound care and afterschool clubs:

From the start of the summer term, all parents/carers will be able to access provision for their children for extra-curricular provision, without any restrictions on the reasons for which they may attend. At school we will continue to keep children in their school day bubble and keep bubble groups apart by at least 2m.

Where parents are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, we have been asked to advise parents/carers:

- to limit use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and to only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible.
- to check providers have put in place their own protective measures.
- the link for guidance is: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Changes to PE and physical activity in school:

Again, the expectation is for children to be kept in their consistent groups and bubbles. Our sport provision will continue and outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, although the school hall is also large enough for indoor activities if necessary, along with maximising natural ventilation flow with windows and doors open. We can include team sports in our offer where those sports national governing bodies have developed their own guidance.

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From the summer term, we will welcome back external coaches and club organisers for curricular and extra-curricular activities. Activities such as the active miles and making break times active have been encouraged in the guidance.

We are still awaiting further information about swimming, but if we are able to access the swimming pool at some time before the end of this academic year. Our priority will be for Y6 and supporting them to reach 25m before the end of their primary curriculum.

School uniform:

The guidance continues to highlight the importance of wearing school uniform to support children to feel part of the school. Our summer term uniform includes shorts and green and white summer dresses too. We will no longer need to ask children to wear PE kit to school on PE days. **Children need to be in school uniform from 19th April 2021 including black robust school shoes and white, grey or black socks** (girls may wear white socks). Obviously, if there are issues around getting school shoes then please contact me directly and we can discuss options. Thank you.

PE bags with only essential PE kit can be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Trainers no longer need to be worn to school and can be kept in PE bags for PE lessons.

I hope this advice has been useful. Again, please contact me if you have any questions or specific queries as I will be happy to chat it through.

Kind regards



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