

14th May 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Department for Education update from 17th May 2021

On Tuesday 11th May 2021, we received updated guidance from the Department for Education regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and the precautions we should still have in place at school.

The guidance confirmed that the vast majority of our routines should remain in place from 17th May 2021 including: washing hands thoroughly and more often than usual, keeping occupied spaces well ventilated, staggering our start and end of the day times and wearing face coverings when social distancing is not always possible. The guidance for schools recommends that, wherever possible, we should reduce the number of contacts between pupils and staff by keeping groups separate and through maintaining distance between individuals. Classes will therefore remain in their bubbles during lessons and remain in these bubbles at breaks and lunch times too.

We ask that you continue to wear face coverings when bringing children to school and collecting children at the end of the school day. We also ask that you continue to remain distanced from others as you wait in the playing fields, out the front of school or on the bottom playground. Children will continue to come in and leave at their staggered times and a reminder of this is below:

Family type	Drop off times	Collection times
Children only in Y1, Y3, Y4	Yellow times: 8:30 – 8:40 am	3.20 – 3.30 pm
Children only in Rec, Y2, Y5 and Y6	Red times: 8:40 – 8.50 am	3.30 – 3.40 pm
Families with children in both drop off times	Orange times: 8:35– 8.40am for child(ren) in Y1, Y3 & Y4 8:35–8.45am for the child(ren) in Rec, Y2, Y5 and Y6.	3:25–3.35pm for the child(ren) in Y1, Y3 & Y4 3:30–3:35pm for the child(ren) in Rec, Y2, Y5 and Y6.

All school gates will be used during drop-off and collection times. Reception and Year 3 children will use the main school gate; Year 1 and Year 2 will access school through the gate in front of Beech Class and Year 4, 5 and 6 will come in through the bottom playground gate. The field gate can be used by all families. Children will exit at the end of the day from the gate they entered in the morning.

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In school, we will continue to maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, as well as cleaning all toilets and classrooms each lunch time.

We need to continue to be vigilant and follow the guidance:

If an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms (see below)
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from: the day after the start of their symptoms; the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with symptoms have at least 1 of these.

I thank you in advance for your support with these plans but please contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards



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