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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Returning to School - September 2021

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements that will be in place for our return to school from **Monday 6th September**. Please note the following:



Covid-19

As you will know, the national guidelines regarding COVID-19 and social distancing have now been relaxed. This means that next school year there will no longer be any requirement to keep children in separate 'bubbles', and adults on the school site will no longer be required to wear face coverings.

We understand and respect the fact that some staff and parents on the school site may still choose to wear face masks and may prefer to maintain their distance from others. We ask that everybody's personal choices are respected and that consideration and good manners are shown to all.

Any children or adults who are showing any symptoms of Covid 19, must not enter the school site.



They and all members of their household must self-isolate and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. As previously, if any child develops or presents with symptoms of Covid-19 at school, we will contact you and you will need to collect your child immediately. Your household will then need to self-isolate and arrange for a PCR test to be taken as soon as possible.

You may also have heard that the guidelines for under-18s and for 'double vaccinated' adults who are identified as close contacts of positive Covid cases will be different as from the start of the school year. We will fully update you on the up-to-date guidelines and rules in early September, before your child returns to school.

We hope that the easing of restrictions will allow our pupils to return to a more 'normal' school life and will also allow them to participate in a full range of activities and events.

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School Day (timings, drop off and collection points)



Reception Starts 8:50am Ends 3:05pm

Years 1 - 6 Starts 8:50am Ends 3:15pm



	Gate 1	Drop off Nursery and Reception	Opens 08:40am Closes 08:55am	Pick up Reception only from 3:05pm	Opens 3:05pm Closes 3:15pm
	Gate 2	Drop off Y 1 - 6	Opens 08:40am Closes 08:55am	Pick up Y1 - 6	Opens 3:10pm Closes 3:25pm
	Gate 3	Drop off Y 1 - 6	Opens 08:40am Closes 08:55am	Pick up Y 1 - 6	Opens 3:10pm Closes 3:25pm
	Gate 4	Drop off Y 1 - 6	Opens 08:40am Closes 08:55am	Pick up	Closed Closed
	Collection zone Y1, 2, 3 & 6	Please wait here to collect children. End of school day – 3:15pm			
	Collection zone Y4 & 5	Please wait here to collect children. End of school day – 3:15pm			
	Children zone	Years 1, 2, 3 & 6 will line up with their class teacher here Year 4 & 5 will be dismissed from their classrooms			



Transition Videos (Click on the links in the table below)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years (Nursery & Reception) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 	

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All children need to be in their classrooms by 8:50 am. Any children arriving late must be accompanied to the office by an adult and signed-in. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day. This supports your child to also not enter a classroom where the learning has already started.

Every minute and every lesson counts.



Break & Lunch Times

These will no longer be restricted to only being in bubbles.



P.E. Lessons

P.E. lessons will start as soon as we return to school. Children will continue to wear their PE kit to school on days when they have PE. Further information and timetables will be sent to you prior to 6th September 2021.



After School Clubs

We will be providing a range of after school clubs and more information will be shared with parents/carers at the beginning of Term 1.



School Uniform

We would like to remind you that **all children must come to school in full school uniform from the first day back.** Please refer to the school website for details ([click here](#)) **This includes proper black school shoes.** If you require any further information on our school uniform, please contact our school office team, who will be happy to assist you.

We hope the above arrangements will simplify the beginning and end of our school days and would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Currie
Head of School